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SPRINGFIELD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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Woman's Missionary Society,



HELD WITH

Stonington * Baptist * Church,

STONINGTON, ILL.,

September 9, 10 and 11, 1890.





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OFFICERS.

MODERATOR—REV. FRANK M. MITCHELL.

CLERK—J. M. BOWER.

TREASURER—P. J. RANDOLPH.

TRUSTEES—S. MENDENHALL, A. L. CONVERSE, J. O. HUMPHREY.

COMMITTEES.

NEXT SESSION—REV. H. S. BLACK, REV. J. J. MIDKIFF, H. C. BOWER.

OBITUARIES—REV. W. C. ROACH, J. L. SANDERS, MRS. L. NEWMAN.

RESOLUTIONS—REV. A. J. YOUNG, MRS. E. KITZMILLER, C. P. RAINEY.

PROGRAMME—REV. H. S. BLACK, MRS. O. O. FLETCHER, J. M. BOWER.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—P. J. RANDOLPH, J. M. TAYLOR, T. D. RICHARDSON.

MISSIONARY—REV. A. J. YOUNG, REV. O. O. FLETCHER, REV. W. C. ROACH, BRO. J. L. SANDERS, BRO. F. W. STOCKBRIDGE.

MINISTERS NAMES AND ADDRESSES.

Ammerman, A. J.....Stonington
ANDERSON, GEO. E....Springfield
Black, H. S.....Pana
BREWER, GEO. E.. Springfield
Brown, E. M.....Oreana
Chapin, W. J.....Chatham
Chapman, Tyler.....Stonington
Colwell, B. F.....Waverly
COOK, SAMUEL.... Taylorville
Fletcher, Orlin O. Springfield
Holmes, D. D.....Jacksonville
Livermore, Silas.....Shelbyville

Midkiff, J. J.....Stonington
Mitchell, Frank M...Jacksonville
Pray, Paris.....Taylorville
Roach, W. C.....Berlin
Stephens, G. W.....Loami
Styles, J. P.....Shelbyville
Torry, Chas. E....Decatur
Walker, E. S.....Springfield
WILSON, CHAS E.....Decatur
Winchell, J. F....Moweaqua
Young, A. J.....Taylorville

Pastors names in roman. Ordained ministers not pastors, *italics*; licentiates and students for the ministry, CAPITALS.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

The Fifty-fourth Annual Meeting will be held with the Baptist Church at Jacksonville, on Wednesday before the first Sunday in September, 1891, at 10 A. M. Rev. O. O. Fletcher appointed to preach annual sermon; Rev. A. J. Young, alternate.

PASTORS' MEETING.

Held with the Stonington Baptist church Wednesday, Sept. 10, 1890.

8:30 a. m.—In the absence of the moderator the meeting was called to order by the clerk. Rev. O. O. Fletcher, D. D., was chosen moderator *pro tem*.

8:45. The topic, "The Pastors' Inner Life," was led by Rev. J. J. Midkiff:

"Paul tells us in his letters to the Corinthian brethren 'That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men; but in the power of God.' By the power of the Spirit of God we preach the Gospel of Christ, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. We have this excellency of the power of the gospel dwelling in this earthly tabernacle.

"There is a tendency for educational qualification. While this may be, and is necessary, the spiritual is the supreme qualification. It is to be feared that many come into the ministry wanting this latter qualification.

"Acts 1:8. 'Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you,' means more than regeneration * * * We should preach about the worship of the spirit; rather than make the mistake of preaching history. * * * He who would preach Christ's gospel must have His love in his own life. He must have development in the inner spiritual nature. 'He that hath my word shall tell it.'

"When the Apostles were cast into prison for preaching, the authorities tried to make a compromise with them. They were brought out and told not to preach in the name of Christ any more; and they could go free. But they said 'We must preach what we have heard.'

"We must avoid popular preaching; it must be the truth without fear. He who has the inner life right with God will be right outwardly.

"We cannot expect more of churches than we are ourselves. Like priest, like people. Everything gives way if we have our hearts right. Oh that we had more liberty of the gospel being filled with the Holy Spirit."

"The Pastor's Intellectual life;" Rev. O. O. Fletcher, D. D. "The first topic is the fundamental principle.

"A man would better have that essential than great learning. * * * Ye are the light of the world; the lamp. The burning is the culture, the oil, the inner life. * * * It is not so much what a man says, as the way he says it; so as to direct thought. Like the surveyor he must have his lines, and must be able to take angles, and be able to direct others to that line.

"We must have directness of thought. Breadth, not liberality; but ability to look at all sides of the question. We want to know what it is that moves men to thought.

“How may we do this? We must be jealous of our study hour. Have a regular hour for study and allow nothing to interfere except very important cases. This can only be accomplished by having a good wife to stand guard. I think the best time the morning. We should have the first half of the day. We should do our best for our people. Our study should not all be sermonizing, but at set times the hardest kind of hard study. A man should read so that he remembers, and can give a clear and distinct understanding of the thought presented by the author at one reading. This can only be acquired by careful reading. Read only the best authors. Light reading may do sometimes. Better take that which is solid. Don't read the morning papers in the morning; they will keep until afternoon; especially the mixed column—something you do not want to remember. It spoils the memory. Read that which will produce thought. Study the holy scriptures. Do not forget the spiritual life, that we may adhere to the teachings of the apostles, presenting ourselves a living sacrifice for Christ's sake.

“The Pastor at Work;” Rev. A. J. Young.

First. Who or what is a pastor at work? (a) Not a *performer*, or one whose duty is simply to give religious and social entertainment. (b) Not a *dude*, or one who has been employed for constant dress parade. We fail to reach the masses often because we strut the streets during the week in dudish style. (c) Not a *baby*, or one who expects to be petted, complimented and twaddled about. (d) Not a *windmill*, or one who is expected to be set up and run by wind, without the need of food. (e) Not an *ox* for the arena, who is to be goaded and tormented to desperation.

But he is: (a) One with pants out at the knees—found much in prayer. (b) One with well-worn Bible, a hard student of the Word of God, (c) One with divine call. (d) One with Macedonian call—the pastor at work does not lack a call.

Second. What is the *mission* of the pastor work? (a) To pray, praise glorify and hallow the name of God and his only begotten Son. (b) Pray read, study and meditate upon the Word of God. (c) Pray, preach, proclaim and declare the Word of God. (d) Pray, teach, instil and propagate the Word of God in the hearts of the people. (e) Pray, advise, counsel and direct the work of the Lord. (f) Pray, call upon, visit and see the people. (g) Pray, and comfort, console and pacify the broken hearted. (h) Pray, and marry the living, bury the dead, seek and save the lost, exhort and encourage the weary worker.

Third. How should “the pastor at work” do his work? In the most Christly, systematic, faithful, thorough, consistent, simple, yet courageous way possible.

The topics were discussed by Revs. Black, Mitchell and others.

9:55. A recess of five minutes was taken.

THE ASSOCIATION.

The Association was called to order at 10 o'clock a. m.

Report of the committee on programme was made by clerk.

The programme as printed was adopted, subject to such changes as necessary, and the committee continued with Rev. J. J. Midkiff, pastor of Stonington, to take the place of those absent.

The Chair announced the committee on enrollment: Rev. H. S. Black, Rev. W. C. Roach and Miss Annie Willerton.

Gospel Songs No. 5 and Triumph of Songs No. 2 were used during the meetings. The music was in charge of the choir of the Stonington church, who did their part well and faithfully. The congregation joined in most of the singing.

The reading of the scripture lesson and prayer was by Rev. H. S. Black.

Sermon by Rev. Frank M. Mitchell, from John 14, 13: "Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." It was masterly and was listened to with deep interest throughout. Many of us think we have a new impetus to pray and are encouraged for having heard the opening sermon.

After a song, a motion was made and carried that in order to expedite matters that a committee be appointed to nominate the permanent officers.

Committee—Rev. H. S. Black, Rev. A. J. Young, Bro. J. L. Sanders.

Your committee on enrollment would report that the following messengers are entitled to seats in this body. H. S. Black, Chairman.

Assumption—No report, no messenger.

Berlin—Rev. W. C. Roach and Mrs. C. M. Gipson.

Bethel—Letter, no messengers.

Central Springfield—Rev. Orlin O. Fletcher and Mrs. O. O. Fletcher.

Chatham—Rev. W. J. Chapin.

Decatur—J. M. Bower, Mrs. Louisa Owens, Mrs. Laura Glazebrook, Mrs. R. A. Judy, Mrs. F. E. Coonradt, Miss Nita Clark.

Diamond Grove—Letter, no messenger.

Jacksonville—Rev. Frank M. Mitchell, Mrs. L. Newman, Misses L. Newman, Annie Willerton, Lola McCurley and Hattie Duncan.

Moweaqua—Rev. J. F. Winchell.

Oreana—H. C. Bower, C. P. Rainey, Mrs. H. Brunger, Mrs. C. Hennard, Mrs. H. C. Bower and Mrs. C. P. Rainey.

Pana—Rev. H. S. Black, Chas. Roach, Wm. Snider, Mrs. H. Sumner, Mrs. J. White, Mrs. G. M. Ludwick, Mrs. M. Boyd, Misses Eva Dunn, M. Dunn, Dicey Busby, N. Stockbridge, M. Roach and C. Clements.

Pleasant Grove—Dropped from Minutes.

Shelbyville—Mrs. L. E. Walton, Misses Hattie Walton and Eva Conn.

Stonington—Rev. J. J. Midkiff, Dea. S. N. Peabody, J. W. Brown, S. Tuttle, J. L. Sanders and A. Chesebro.

Taylorville—Rev. A. J. Young, Mrs. E. Kitzmiller, Mrs. D. Sharp, Rev. Paris Pray and Ed. Cook.

Morrisonville Mission—J. B. Thompson.

Waverly—J. M. Ford, Misses Emma and Sallie Batty.

Zion (colored)—Joined the Wood River Association.

VISITING BRETHREN.

Rev. Dwite Spencer, district secretary Home Mission Society, Indianapolis, Ind.; Rev. A. E. Mather, D. D., general manager Baptist Ministers' Home, Felton, Mich.; Rev. H. C. First, superintendent State Missions Illinois Baptist General Association, Upper Alton, Ill.; Rev. L. B. Albert, Sunday School Missionary Illinois Baptist General Association, 99 Washington St., Chicago, Ill.; Rev. E. Stilwell, Urbana, Ill.

Your committee on nominations would make the following report—H. S. Black, chairman. We recommend the following officers: Moderator, Rev. Frank M. Mitchell, Jacksonville; clerk, J. M. Bower, Decatur; treasurer, P. J. Randolph, Morrisonville; trustee (3 years), S. Mendenhall, Springfield.

The report was adopted by a unanimous ballot. Rev. Mitchell was conducted to the chair and thanked the Association for the honor.

The letter of Stonington church was then read and the Association welcomed to their house of worship and to their homes by Pastor Midkiff.

By motion the time of meeting in the afternoon be 2:30 instead of 2:00 o'clock was adopted.

The time having arrived for adjournment. Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. A. J. Young.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

2:30. Prayer by Rev. W. C. Roach.

Rev. A. J. Young assisted the clerk in reading the letters from the churches. They show more addition than any previous year in the history of the Association. (See statistical table).

A service of thanksgiving for the blessings of the year was conducted by Rev. W. C. Roach.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S HOUR.

"How Can Young People Help in the Work of the Local Church."

Miss Nita Clark read an excellent paper on this topic, and promised a synopsis which failed to reach the clerk in time. Mrs. O. O. Fletcher said while she endorsed the paper just read, she would emphasize the thought that the Young People's Societies were helpful in building up, and that they were the hope of the future church. They are helpful to the pastor, and especially to the church. The Northwest Mission, of Springfield, was started by our young people. Last winter when we were so unfortunate as to loose that building by fire, the news that it was burning came to us while the young people were holding their meeting in the home church. Of course it was a terrible shock. The leader said we will spend a few moments in asking God to direct us. They did so, and while the building was yet burning they appointed a committee to confer with the Prudential Committee of the church, to take steps to rebuild. Thus we see how materially they aid the church.

Revs. Black, Young, Roach and Albert spoke on this topic.

"Baptist Young People and the Denomination" was led by Rev. O. O. Fletcher. In most of our churches in the cities our church is too large to

train the young people properly in the regular meetings of the church.

The difficulty in the way to avoid is divorcing the young from the older members. This should carefully be guarded against. Educate them that they are members of the church and a part of it. Insist on them keeping their pledge. Their first duty belongs to the church. This difficulty in training they get in the Y. P. S. C. E. in our large churches. We have our different grades in our public schools. We do not put babies in the same room with grown up children to be taught. Neither should we in our church training. Arrange the work of training for young children together, then those who are older. It is better than to train old and young together. They are to be trained to be able to be intelligent workers.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEES.

Committee on Resolutions, Rev. A. J. Young, Mrs. E. Kitzmiller and C. P. Rainey.

Next Session, Rev. H. S. Black, Rev. J. J. Midciff, Dea. H. C. Bower.

Obituaries, Rev. W. C. Roach, Bro. J. L. Sanders, Mrs. L. Newman.

Report of Trustees, Your Trustees would report that the interest on the Strawbridge fund has been paid and that there is now on hand about \$60.00. We recommend Rev. to preach the Strawbridge sermon the second Sunday in October, 1891. Signed, A. L. Converse, J. O. Humphrey, and S. Mendenhall.

The amendment to Article III of the constitution was referred to a committee of three to report at the next annual meeting.

Time having arrived for adjournment, adjourned with prayer by Rev. L. B. Albert.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

7:30—Exercises opened with singing "How firm a foundation, &c." Prayer by J. L. Sanders.

Rev. L. B. Albert, 99 Washington street, Chicago, Ill., Sunday School Missionary of the Illinois General Association, was allowed fifteen minutes to present the state Sunday school work. This he did in a very earnest way, and all the churches were urged to do more in the future.

In a short talk the claims of the Foreign Missions was presented by Rev. J. J. Midkiff. When the split in the Baptist denomination on missions occurred there were about 140,000 Baptists all told, and they were about equally divided on each side. Now the Anti-Missionary Baptists have diminished to less than 40,000, while the Missionary Baptists have grown to 4,000,000 in round numbers. Rev. Wm. Cary was the first foreign missionary in 1792. The first collection was 1£ 13s. Ninety-eight years ago only one missionary was meagerly supported by all the Baptists of the world, and none by any other denomination. Now the Baptists alone have more than 1,000 on the foreign field, with a call for 1,000 more. All this among the Baptists alone. Thus you see how we have grown.

Rev. H. S. Black preached from John 14: 26. "The Holy Ghost whom the Father will send in my name. He will teach you all things, &c." This was an excellent sermon on the influence of the Holy Spirit. The clerk does not attempt a report.

Adjourned with benediction.

THURSDAY MORNING.

8:30—Devotional services by the moderator.

The programme committee announced that at 11:25 the state mission work would be presented by Rev. H. C. First; at 11:40 Ministers' Home by Rev. A. E. Mather. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT TO SPRINGFIELD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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Report approved.

CHAS. S. BOYNTON, Treasurer.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Committee on resolutions:

1. That we relax no effort that can be made to cultivate in our churches a most active missionary spirit.
2. That we first of all arouse our churches to the importance of our associational mission and to our state Sunday school work.
3. That the great work of the American Baptist Home Mission Society in planting churches in the New West among our foreign population—the Chinese and Mexicans, the Indians and Freedmen—calls for our earnest prayer and our liberal support, and that there should be made by each member of our churches an annual offering as God has prospered.
4. That we seek to place at least one denominational paper in every family of our association.
5. That we urge our churches to give their undivided support to our denominational schools.
6. That we recommend to all our Sunday schools the observance of Harvest Home festivals in behalf of state missions.
7. That we will use our best endeavors to bring our beloved state to equality with other states enjoying the blessings and advantages of prohibition.
8. That we heartily help to support the Baptist Ministers' Aid Society.
9. That we earnestly seek to establish in all our churches the new testament system of *weekly* giving.
10. That we go home and put into practice the above resolutions.
11. That a vote of thanks be tendered to the members of Stonington Baptist church and congregation for their willing and hospitable entertainment.

Committee on Sunday Schools. No report; none of the committee were present.

Committee on Missions presented their report, pending the adoption of which a discussion was had on the following topics:

1. "Baptist occupation of our field;" Rev. W. C. Roach. Have we a field? If so, it is like many fields in the country, full of weeds. There is something wanting. Our immediate field—Shelby, Macon, Christian, Sangamon and Morgan counties—with a population of 200,000, or nearly

that, and less than 3,000 Baptists—shows clearly that we are not doing our duty as Baptists. Discussed by First, Black, and others.

Special prayer was requested before discussion of next topic. Prayer by Sister Newman.

“Do the facts demand a change of methods in association work? If so what?” Rev. A. J. Young.

What are the methods?

1. We appoint a missionary committee. What they do:
2. Meet and talk over the work.
3. Make recommendations to the General Association.
4. Urge the churches to make collections for state work.

What we have:

1. The hearts of the committee are made to ache as they look over the field and see our inability to accomplish the work.
2. We must be exceedingly careful in our recommendations.
3. Our collections are small; we can do but little.

Suggestions that came out in the discussion:

We should have an associational pastor or missionary.

Assumption and Loami, with the other points already named and aided.

Discussed by Rev. Stilwell, Rev. First and others.

Report was re-committed.

NEXT SESSION.

Your committee respectfully report—Place of meeting, Jacksonville; preacher of introductory sermon, Rev. O. O. Fletcher, D. D.; alternate, Rev. A. J. Young. H. S. BLACK, Chm.

Report adopted.

OBITUARIES.

We, your committee, would report that the clerk make the usual memorial page, and that hereafter we dispense with the committee.

W. C. Roach, Chm.

Report adopted.

The letters from Moweaqua and Catham were read:

Rev. H. C. First, the Upper Alton, Ill., State Missionary, presented the work of the state. He told that unless the church responded more liberally there would be a deficit of \$4,000 this year.

Rev. A. E. Mather, D. D., of the Felton, Mich., Ministers' Aid Society and general manager of the Home for Aged Ministers, presented the claims of the Society and Home. Both are worthy and should have a more hearty support. It is the purpose to aid ministers who have failed in health and are not able to fully support themselves, and to furnish homes for those who are aged and have no home. It seems a worthy object to provide homes for those who have spent the best part of their lives in the Master's service, and who are now aged and without a home, that the churches should provide one for them. This home includes the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan. It is to be hoped that all the churches will inform themselves with reference to this society, and at an early date make a liberal contribution.

Time having arrived for an adjournment, the meeting adjourned with prayer by Rev. Winchell.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

2:00. Song service conducted by Rev. Midkiff.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

Your Missionary Committee would most respectfully submit its report. We have had but one meeting this year. No other having been necessary. At that meeting the only points to which we felt aid could be recommended were Morrisonville and Chatham.

The State Mission Board made appropriations in accordance with the recommendations. We would suggest the pressing need of the State Board at the present time and recommend:

1. That the churches make an earnest endeavor to meet its calls.
2. That the Association spare no pains which will assist Morrisonville Mission in becoming a self-sustaining church.
3. That the Association continue its work through co-operation of the State Board.

O. O. FLETCHER, Chairman.

Report adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SESSION.

2:30. "Personal preparation," Mrs. R. A. Judy:

Before Christ began his immortal ministry, He made personal preparation. We find him at twelve questioning the wisest professional men. "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business." All great men only arrived at their greatness after years of personal preparation. Demosthenes, Webster, Beecher and Spurgeon, are good examples. It is said of great actors that they are only successful in proportion as they identify themselves with the character they act. It is equally true that a teacher in Sunday school must have His character, "Been with Christ and taught of Him."

What then is important for such a work?

A blending of mental, moral, and spiritual culture. A complete consecration to the cause and of the best fruits of mind and heart, and to seek God in secret preparation and learn of Him out of His word—is a prerequisite to teaching or preaching.

Theory is the essence of intellect. The royal child of cultured thought.

After studying the Bible long and carefully we can only theorize. It is the digest of spiritual food. The very best we can do is to sift it well and feed it to the children and older people. "Feed my lambs, feed my sheep." "Let the Word of God dwell in you richly." What does this mean? Not merely reading a short chapter daily or the committing of verses for a prize or to read for no special purpose.

Read and study the Bible. Read it over and over. "Wonderful words of Light. Let me more of their beauty see. Wonderful words of Light." Get your hearts into it; and it into your hearts. "Study to show thyself approved unto God." How are we to do these commands.

1. We must study His ways, we find it only in the Bible. Search the scriptures and they are those which testify of me? And now brethren, I commend you to God and the word of His grace which is able to build you up. When we have his word dwelling in us, then we have accomplished the first essentials in personal preparation.

2. Take the lesson for the coming Sabbath and read it over carefully. Find the central thought. Hunt up all the references. Find everthing the Word has to say on the subject. Read the daily readings and find out all you can. Be sure you have the subject well in mind.

3. Attend the teachers meeting. Here we get an interchange of thought, and although our ideas may be the same or nearly so, we get a better and more satisfied understanding, and possibly a shorter, better, or simpler way of explaining to our pupils that which we have hid in our hearts. This assembling and communing of teachers is one of the personal preparations which we cannot neglect without robbing both teacher and pupil of the best fruits of the vineyard.

4. To those who would teach without careful preparation I would say study carefully Mathew 23-16, "Woe unto you blind guides;" also Luke 6:39. "Can the blind lead the blind, shall they not both fall into the ditch." Who would think of teaching in the common schools without first preparing to teach? They must pass an examination and secure a certificate. Why not have a church law requiring a Sabbath school teacher to have a certificate from our state superintendent?

Revs. Winchell and Stillwell followed on the same topic.

CLASS TEACHING.

Sister L. Newman gave her method of class teaching: I always begin the lesson by asking some one of the class to lead in prayer, and right there in the room one of my class or myself lead, asking God to give us light. My class are all elderly persons. I then ask for an analysis of the lesson. If no one can give it I give it myself. We try to get all there is for us out of the lesson. I ask questions and try to draw out. I prefer to have my class do the talking. I have no theories. I teach to lead the unconverted to Christ.

This was followed by Mrs. H. C. Bower, Mrs. Owens and Mrs. Glasebrook, and was more of a relation of how I conduct my class than a discussion. The conversational way in which the topic was handled was quite instructive.

PREVAILING PRAYER.

J. M. Bower: Prayer is the desire to obtain from another that which we do not possess within ourselves.

Prevail is to succeed; to gain a victory; or to overcome. Hence, the widow who came to the unjust judge asking to be avenged of her adversary, and kept on coming until the judge, though he neither regarded God or man, granted her request. This was an example of prevailing prayer.

Prevailing prayer with God is that condition of mind in which the person praying loses all thought of self or surroundings, in the earnest desire to obtain the object sought, and trust fully on God for Christ's sake to grant the request. There must be an all-absorbing desire that takes full possession of the soul with such earnestness that knows no denial. As the widow before the unjust judge. Elijah prayed and it rained not. Again he prayed and it rained. Daniel prayed and the Lord shut the Lion's mouth. The leper came to Christ asking to be cleansed. He was made clean. These are examples of prevailing prayer.

When thou prayest enter into thy closet and shut the door. When we

can do this in personal preparation and in class teaching, then we are carrying out the living idea of prevailing prayer. That person to whom all can point as living in his religion every day, who succeeds in leading souls to Christ; who has a word for those who are discouraged, comforting those who are in distress, and that one who has so thoroughly consecrated himself and all that he has, to the Master, having his heart so full of the love of God, that that same love goes out to others, benefiting and leading them to a higher Christian life. That person is a living and moving example of prevailing prayer. May the time soon come when God will send more such lives into our churches.

After singing "Walking in the Light," Rev. Dwite Spencer, of Indianapolis, Ind., presented the claims of the Home Mission Society.

Rev. A. J. Young was elected as a member of Board of the General Association.

Rev. F. M. Mitchell was elected as a delegate to the American Baptist Publication Society.

The Clerk was instructed to buy Associational blanks for the churches and send out the same.

Bills allowed and orders drawn on the treasurer were ordered as follows:

F. M. Mitchell, printing semi-annual programme; \$2.00. Herald-Despatch, printing programme; \$2.50. Clerk, for services; \$10.00. Printing and distributing 1,000 copies of the minutes ———.

The chairman announced standing committees: On programme, Rev. H. S. Black, Mrs. O. O. Fletcher and J. M. Bower. On Sunday schools, P. J. Randolph, J. M. Taylor and T. D. Richardson. On Missionary, Revs. A. J. Young, O. O. Fletcher, W. C. Roach, Bros. J. L. Sanders and F. W. Stockbridge.

By motion the action by which the change to Article III of the constitution was referred to a committee of three to report next year was reconsidered and amended by changing the word "second" to "first."

A motion was made and carried to appoint a committee of three to report an amendment to Article III for consideration next year. The committee are Hon. A. L. Converse, Rev. J. J. Midkiff and Deacon C. P. Rainey.

THURSDAY EVENING.

7:30. Prayer by Deacon H. C. Bower. Sermon by Rev. E. Stilwell, Eph. 2-8, "By Grace Are Ye Saved."

By motion of Rev. J. J. Midkiff that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet with the First Baptist Church of Jacksonville on Wednesday, before the first Sunday in September, 1891, at 10 a. m. After singing "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again," the meeting adjourned with benediction by Rev. J. J. Midkiff.

F. M. MITCHELL, Moderator.

J. M. BOWER, Clerk.

DIGEST OF LETTERS.

BERLIN—We have not made the progress hoped for. We believe the seed so faithfully sown will produce a harvest. On account of muddy roads, scarlet fever and other sickness, we were unable to hold any spiritual meetings. Our prayer meetings and Sabbath schools are not as well attended as they should be, yet they are of great profit to those who attend. In view of our past history and present condition, we gratefully acknowledge God's goodness to us, and note our weakness, and pray that God's favor to us may develop a spirit of service. That as a church we may be awakened to greater zeal and activity in the work assigned us. We invite the Association to meet with us next year.

J. R. SMITH, Clerk.

BETHEL—We are trying to serve our Master the best we know. Rev. G. W. Gibson preached once a month the first part of the year. We then had the services of Rev. J. E. Combs. He, to, left us the first of May, since then we have had no preaching. We held a protracted meeting, with little success. Death has taken one from our midst.

WILLIE TAYLOR, Clerk, Drawer 3136 Springfield, Ill.

CENTRAL SPRINGFIELD—We report another year of prosperity. We continue to be blessed by the ministrations of Rev. O. Q. Fletcher, who, with his efficient and faithful wife, have enabled the church to do effective and valuable service for the Master. Assistant Pastor Rev. J. E. Combs, felt called of God to do missionary work in Montana, and severed his connection with us May 1st. Since your last meeting fire destroyed our Mission building in the northwestern part of the city. Fortunately we realized \$1,000 upon the insurance, which, with additional subscriptions, we rebuilt a more commodious and attractive structure. We have just completed a beautiful edifice at our South Mission. The Mission work of our church is gratifying in the extreme. We have continual evidence of good being done in that direction. One of our young sisters, Miss Gertrude Clinton, a graduate of Shurtieff college, has made arrangements to go to Rangoon Burmah as a missionary. Two of our young brothers, George E. Anderson and George H. Brewer are making preparations for the ministry and have been licensed to preach. Rev. A. Gross has passed hence. He was one of our pioneer ministers, and an excellent type of this worthy class. He was an organizer of churches and builder of houses. A large number were brought to Christ through his preaching. Open in his manner, loyal to the truth, he was quick and able in the defense of the faith. Physically he suffered much during several years before his death. But spiritually he was ripening. His manner was softened and his spirit tender during his affliction. His interest in the gospel constantly increased. Death came quiet and suddenly at the last, but found him ready.

N. HAY, Clerk.

CHATHAM—No cheering account. Weakened by members moving away. Rev. W. J. Chapin is pastor. Rev. J. E. Combs assisted us in a series of meetings in December. Although there were not many additions some differences were healed and the church much encouraged. We are having our house repaired. The sisters are looking after this. Through the untiring energy of our pastor, and by outside aid, a bell has been put in place to call the people to the house of God. Our Sunday school is in good condition.

MARY ALDRICH, Clerk.

DECATUR—The past year has been a fruitful one. Many have been added to our number. God has abundantly blessed us. Evangelist Brown was with us three weeks, beginning in January. Our church was revived, as was others who attended these meetings. For two weeks after this our pastor conducted the meetings. Following which Evangelist B. Fay Mills conducted a union meeting in which all the city churches united. These were wonderful meetings, and an abundant harvest was the result. After the union meetings closed again our pastor conducted special meetings, which were blessed of God, after the close Dr. Vosburgh took a brief vacation. On his return we were taken by surprise, and our hearts were made sad by his tendering his resignation as pastor. Reluctantly we parted with him the last of May. Since that time our pulpit has been supplied by visiting ministers. August 6 we extended a call to Rev. Charles E. Torrey, of Norwalk, Conn., to become our pastor. He has accepted and will be with us Oct. 1st to begin his labors with us. Our church societies are all doing grand work. There is perfect harmony among us. Our Sunday school, under the leadership of W. J. Wayne, is prosperous, and increasing in number. Our Mission Sunday school organized May 18th, with J. M. Bower as superintendent, is well established. We hope to erect a building in the eastern part of the city for the mission at an early date. One young man who graduated from our High school is preparing for the ministry, Bro. Charles C. Wilson. The year has not been without its sorrow. May 4th Deacon George Wood was called from his long and fruitful life to enter the church triumphant. He was loved by all who knew him. His was the true type of Christian manhood.

CHAS. L. HOVEY, Clerk.

DIAMOND GROVE—Thankful for the blessings received during the year. We have little change to report. Our flock is still cared for by our faithful pastor, Rev. D. D. Holmes. We have regular services each Sabbath, Rev. M. C. Davenport supplying us once a month. Prayer meeting and Sunday school sustained through the year. We held a series of meetings commencing with the week of prayer, the church was revived and souls saved. Our church is more hopeful and united and express their sympathy to our pastor and assure him both spiritual and financial aid. Our church building is in good repair.

We carry an insurance of \$1,500 on our house. The grounds have been greatly improved. The pastor, on whose land the house stands, gave a title deed of the lot to the Diamond Grove church during its existence. Should it cease to exist the grounds go to the general association to be occupied only for holding Baptist services. We take a collection the first Sabbath of each month for Home and Foreign Missions. We use Baptist literature in our Sunday school.

MISS EMMA HOLMES, Clerk; Jacksonville.

JACKSONVILLE—The past year has been one of blessings to us. The attendance at all services of the church has been good. We give thanks to God for a special work of grace among our young people, leading many of them to a deeper spirit of consecration. Our beloved pastor, Rev. Frank M. Mitchel, is spending his sixth year with us. Our societies are well organized and are doing effective work. Our Sunday school has been prosperous and has been marked by a deep spiritual movement. There is very much work for us as a church to do in our city. We ask your prayers that God's blessing may rest upon us in that work. We extend a cordial invitation to the association to meet with us next year.

A. HAYDEN, Clerk.

MOWEAQUA—Rev. J. W. Hawkins, after three years service, gave up the pastorate Jan. 1st, leaving the church as it continues to be, united and prosperous. Rev. J. F. Winchell became pastor April 1st and preaches each alternate Sabbath. We have lost one of our active young members, Mrs. Hiram Rettig, who died in July. The semi-annual meeting of the association held with us last April, though not as largely attended by visiting brethren as expected, proved to be interesting. We have a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the West organized since Aug. 28, 1890. President, Mrs. E. A. Polk; Secretary, Miss Jennie Smith. Our Sabbath school is prosperous. From it nine were baptized and received into the church.

R. P. DUNCAN, Clerk.

OREANA—Rev. J. F. Winchell closed his pastorate the last of June. Our pulpit has been supplied by different brethren since then. We held a series of meetings last winter. Our pastor was aided by Rev. Danbury, of DuQuoin, Ill. There was good preaching. Members do not take the interest they should. We are praying for better things. We hope to settle a pastor soon.

C. P. RAINY, Clerk.

PANA—Since our last annual gathering the Great Captain of our Salvation has been in our midst and captured many of the emissaries of Satan and brought them into His fold. Dec. 29 Evangelist H. W. Brown came among us and labored for two weeks. The church was quickened and quite a number of the ungodly were brought to Christ. After this we united with other churches of the city in a meeting of two weeks, under the leadership of Evangelist Dixon C. Williams. A good religious interest was manifest in our city. For four weeks Pastor H. S. Black, with the church, labored earnestly. God was pleased to own and bless the work done in the salvation of many souls, for which we praise the name of the Lord.

WM. L. DOWLING, Clerk.

SHELBYVILLE—Rev. B. F. Patt resigned in December last. We called Rev. J. P. Styles Feb. 1st. We have organized a Temple builders guild. Death has taken our aged sister, Mrs. Jones.

ALVIN REED, Clerk.

STONINGTON—We are glad to have another privilege to meet with you in an annual meeting, and at our own homes. We welcome you. Part of the year Rev. J. W. Hawkins supplied us half of the time. Other brethren have preached for us occasionally. In July we called Rev. J. J. Midkiff. He is now with us laboring as pastor. Our prayer is that God will bless us abundantly. Death has claimed one of our number, Brother Ralph Coleman, a worthy young man in the prime of life. When we recount the many blessings received we can but resolve to be more faithful in the future.

J. W. BROWN, Clerk.

TAYLORVILLE—We are moving Zionward. All our meetings are well attended. Although we have had no great ingathering, yet, through the Goodness of God, we have accomplished much through training and discipling material previously gathered. Our Sunday school is in a flourishing condition, under the Superintendency of Mrs. J. H. Kitzmiller. Our Y. P. S. C. E. is properly organized and doing excellent work, as are the Missionary and Aid Societies. We believe every church should make their house of worship attractive, and that church sins against God who does not. Hence, we are trying to beautify our church home. We ask the association to meet with us next year.

MRS. S. A. MORRISON, Clerk.

MORRISONVILLE—The year past has been without great increase in numbers. We have an abiding faith in the ultimate building up of a church in this place. We held on protracted meetings during the year; but did not relax our efforts in our regular meetings, and by personal solicitation to prosper God's cause. Rev. Millard of Pana, preaches to us on alternate Sabbaths very acceptably to the edification of both church and people, and it is through his efforts with God's grace that we are what we are.

J. B. THOMPSON, Clerk.

WAVERLY—During the past we have labored with some difficulties and have not made the advancement we wished. Feb. 28 our pastor, Rev. J. P. Styles, resigned to accept a call to another field of labor. Aug. 3 Rev. B. F. Colwell commenced his labors with us as pastor. The outlook for the future is encouraging. Peace and harmony prevail. We expect better work for the Master in the year to come.

G. FORD, Clerk.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Ninth Annual Meeting convened at Stonington Sept. 9, 1890.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. O. O. Fletcher, of Springfield, with singing "I Love to Tell the Story." Mrs. Fletcher then read a portion of Luke 19. A pleasant season of devotion followed. Letters were read from Circles, Bands and Guilds. Singing "Blessed Assurance." The report of the association secretary was read and adopted.

In many respects we have reason for thanksgiving—in others we may be reminded of duties not yet performed. Some of the Circles in our Association have even gone above their apportionment. While others, for different causes given, have fallen below.

As an association we contributed \$399.25, lacking \$50.75 of coming up to our apportionment. We are glad to note an increase of \$74.91 over the preceding year. Of the amount contributed the Circles and Bands gave \$355.73, an increase of \$60.39 over 1889. Jacksonville Circle giving the most, \$49.10; Decatur, \$45.00. Of the Bands Springfield gave the largest, \$60.00; Jacksonville, \$35.00. At our last meeting a collection was taken amounting to \$4.57; balance on hand 50 cents, from sale of leaflets 23 cents; making a total of \$5.30. Amount expended in correspondence with Circles, \$2.84; leaving a balance of \$2.46 on hand.

I wish herewith to thank the secretaries of the different Circles and Bands for their untiring energy and promptness of action in the work of the year which we are now closing. The following are the sums of money apportioned for each Church, Circle and Band, for the year ending March 1st, 1891, which were assigned some time ago: Assumption, \$3.00; Berlin, \$45.00; Central Springfield Circle, \$50.00; Central Springfield Band, \$50.00; Bethel, \$2.00; Chatham, \$6.00; Decatur, \$45.00; Diamond Grove, \$7.00; Jacksonville Circle, \$45.00; Jacksonville Band, \$40.00; Moweaqua, \$7.00; Oreana, \$15.00; Pana Circle, \$25.00; Pana bank, \$25.00; Shelbyville, \$20.00; Stonington, \$15.00; Taylorville Circle, \$25.00; Taylorville Young Ladies, \$10.00; Waverly, \$15.00. May the coming year be one of blessing as you all press on in the services of our Lord.

MRS. C. F. JORDON, Sec.

Mrs. H. C. Bower read a very able paper upon the topic "Why Give the Gospel to the Heathen?" Rev. O. O. Fletcher led the discussion, followed by Rev. J. J. Midkiff, of Stonington.

Mrs. L. Newman, of Jacksonville, opened the discussion of the topic "What Should the Mission Circle Seek to Accomplish." Mrs. Brunger then read a paper, "How to Awaken Sleeping Sisters." After singing "Roll Call" the benediction was pronounced by Rev. F. M. Mitchell and the meeting adjourned until 7:30 o'clock p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

7:30. Singing "To the Work." and "I Gave My Life for Thee." Rev. A. J. Young read Psalm 10 and led in an earnest prayer. Singing "Go Ye Into All the World."

The report of the committee on nominations was read by Mrs. Newman, of Jacksonville, and adopted, and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. O. O. Fletcher, Springfield; Vice-President, Mrs. A. F. Jennison, Decatur; Secretary, Mrs. J. H. Kitzmiller, Taylorville. The committee on program for the next meeting is to consist of the officers and Miss E. Rawlings, of Jacksonville.

Rev. F. M. Mitchell then told us the plan pursued by the Jacksonville Guild for raising Missionary funds. Rev. H. S. Black and Rev. J. J. Midkiff following with remarks upon the same line of thought.

Mrs. O. O. Fletcher then stated that she had been given a Spanish dollar for the Congo Missions by a lady of the Springfield Baptist church. Mrs. Fletcher stated that she would receive \$1.00 contributions to be placed upon the Spanish dollar. The fund to be completed not later than the centennial of Wm. Carey's appointment by English Baptists in 1892. A number of contributions were made. Bro. J. M. Bower then made a proposition to put on the one hundredth dollar, also the two hundredth. Rev. J. J. Midkiff, in addition to \$1 already given, proposed to give the three hundredth. God grant this fund may reach one thousand dollars. A collection was taken, and after singing "Sowing in the Morning." The meeting was closed with the benediction by Rev. H. S. Black.

ABSTRACTS OF REPORTS.

CIRCLES.

BERLIN—Use Mission studies. Lessons during the past year have been of Africa and have been pursued with pleasure and profit to the society and the cause generally. Have twenty annual members. Contributed to the W. B. F. M. S. of the West, \$26.25. Have also contributed \$70 to the support of young men students at the Baptist College in Kangoon Burmah. President, Mrs. W. C. Roach, Berlin, Ill.; Secretary, Miss Ella M. Norcross, Berlin, Ill.

CENTRAL SPRINGFIELD—Meetings of our Circle have been held at the regular time except in June, when Rev. B. Fay Mills was holding services in our city and it was thought profitable to omit it for his afternoon service. More of real good has been derived from our meetings than in former years, and a deeper spirit of consecration pervades the membership. Our studies have been mission fields, home and foreign. The branches of work thus considered are: "Woman's Work in Burmah, In Shanland and Siam, Mexico, Mormonism, and Chinese in America." A new interest is developed in the work in Rangoon by the near departure of our beloved young sister, Gertrude Clinton, to that station. Our membership is now 35. We sent to the Industrial Schools of the Home Society, basted patchwork. Also to a Home Missionary barrels and boxes to the amount of \$50. Total contributions to the Woman's Home Mission Society, \$67.25; to the Society of the West,

\$35.60; to the State Expense Fund \$1.00; total for the year, \$103.85. President, Mrs. O. O. Fletcher, Springfield, Ill.; Secretary, Miss Sallie S. Maxwell, Springfield, Ill.

DECATUR—Our Circle membership for the year just closing numbers twenty-one. February 21st we sent to the W. B. F. M. Society at Chicago, \$45. No. of Missionary Magazines taken, 3; Helping Hands, one. President, Mrs. A. F. Jennison, Decatur, Ill.; Secretary, Miss Josephine Anderson, Decatur, Ill.

JACKSONVILLE—We succeeded—thanks to the energy of our president—in raising more than our apportionment for the year. We contributed \$45.00. Have been greatly favored with news from foreign fields. Have seen enthusiastic personal relations established between our young people and Miss Ellise Campbell and Miss Olive Blunt—our young missionaries are going out this fall. We had the rare pleasure of a week's visit from Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, just home from a nine years' residence in Northern Burmah. Hoping to reach and attract more of our sisters we have decided upon new lines. Have changed our officers and part with regret from our faithful President who has been absent from her post but twice in 13 years. The officers now are: Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, president; Mrs. I. C. Coleman, vice president; Mrs. Anna Berry, secretary; Mrs. F. H. Stebbins, treasurer.

OREANA—We have eight annual members. We take one Missionary Magazine and four Helping Hands. Average attendance during the year has been four. Have contributed during the year \$15 to the W. B. F. M. Society of the west. President, Mrs. L. C. Rainey; Secretary, Mrs. H. C. Bower.

PANA—The Pana Circle has contributed during the year \$20.53. We are greatly benefited and encouraged by a recent visit from Mrs. Carson, to whom was donated a sewing machine and forty quarts of canned fruit. Mrs. H. S. Black, Secretary.

TAYLORVILLE—We have had regular meetings during the year, with a small attendance. Our lessons have been on Africa and we have endeavored to find out all the missionary news we could upon the subject. We followed the program in the lesson leaves. Hope to excite a deeper interest in missions the coming year and have a larger attendance of our members. A missionary concert held in April was a success in every particular. Sent during the year to W. B. F. M. Society \$34. President, Mrs. J. H. Kitzmiller, Taylorville; secretary, Mrs. S. A. Morrison, Taylorville.

SHELBYVILLE—Our Circle has not been as active this year as we hope to make it in the future. A part of the year our church was without a pastor and things at a standstill generally. After Mrs. Patt our president, moved away, the meetings were discontinued and we have had only two meetings since the first of March. Have sent from our society \$9. We hope to be able to give a fuller and better report in every way next year. Expect to organize a young people's society at our next meeting. President, Mrs. Livermore, Shelbyville, Ill.; secretary, Mrs. Styles, Shelbyville, Ill.

MORRISVILLE—No report.

WAVERLY—Number of meetings held during the year, eight. Use mission studies. Take three Missionary Magazines; contributed during the year \$8. President, Mrs. M. M. Eastham, Waverly; secretary, Miss Lina Gibson, Waverly, Ill.

STONINGTON—We have added two more members to our circle and three have moved away. We now have eighteen members. Have contributed \$15 to foreign missions, \$10 to Miss Burdette on Miss L. Belle Chandler's salary. We take for home mission periodicals "The Tidings." President, Miss Mary Sanders, Old Stonington; secretary, Mrs. G. L. Briggs, Old Stonington.

BANDS AND GUILDS.

SPRINGFIELD TEMPLE BUILDERS' GUILD—Our society has held during the year ten regular meetings, interruptions being occasioned by revival services. The early part of the year was devoted to the study of Judson's labors. Since May our study has been of the Karens. Ten new members have been added, making over fifty upon our roll. Of the membership dues the receipts amount to \$15.37. The missionary spirit is surely increasing and we trust all Guilds will petition the dear Master to strengthen us in this our mission work. President, Henry Merriam, Springfield; secretary, Miss Lou Scott, Springfield.

SPRINGFIELD HELPING HAND SOCIETY—Still doing good work for Christ. Have studied during the year "Japan, manners and customs of its people." "The missionaries and mission stations of that country." Contributions have been obtained in various ways. The amount sent to W. B. F. M. Society from March 1, 1889, to March 1, 1890, was \$60.00. From barrel contributions we received \$19.67; collections \$1.34, and from entertainments \$38.99. President, Miss Hassie Fletcher, Springfield; secretary, Miss Hattie Maxwell, Springfield.

DECATUR TEMPLE BUILDERS GUILD—We have a membership of twenty-seven, and meet once a month at the home of some member. Are taking the course marked out by Baptist missions. Have held one sociable during the year, and have sent \$8 to Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and \$8.25 to Mission Union. President, Miss Anna Wentz, Decatur; secretary, Miss Mable Wilson, Decatur.

JACKSONVILLE TEMPLE BUILDERS' GUILD—With Mrs. G. Skeen as president we started out on our year's work. Have held fourteen meetings during the year with an average attendance of nine. Have added to our membership during the year five, making a total of twenty-eight. Sent during the year to the W. B. F. M. Society \$50, and for the support of our native preacher \$9.45. With God's help we hope to accomplish more in the year to come. President, Miss Laura Hammond, Jacksonville; secretary, Miss Annie Willerton, Jacksonville.

JACKSONVILLE STAR MISSION—During the year we have held fourteen meetings. Have held one mite society and three sociables. Have had no regular work during the year. Collections, including fees and money received from sociables amounts to \$35.25, of which we have sent \$25 to the support of our girl. Pres. ———; secretary, Ida Wood.

TAYLORVILLE YOUNG LADIES' SOCIETY—Hold regular meetings; membership twelve; promiscuous study. Contributed \$7.70 to Ongole school. President, Miss Tillie Poland; secretary, Miss Nora Zimmerman; ass't secretary, Mrs. J. H. Kitzmiller, Taylorville.

IN MEMORIAM.

BERLIN.

W. H. SHUFF.

EDWIN JESTER.

SUSAN C. WILCOX.

BETHEL.

MARTHA J. MARSHAL.

CENTRAL SPRINGFIELD.

CAROLINE BARNES.

REY. A. GROSS.

J. B. LOWREY.

MRS. JENNINGS.

CHATHAM.

ELIZABETH WALKER.

DIAMOND GROVE.

ONE—NAME NOT GIVEN.

JACKSONVILLE.

MARY DUNLAP.

W. P. SEXTON.

C. H. SIMMS.

SUSAN MORROW.

MOWEAQUA.

MRS. HIRAM RITTIG.

STONINGTON.

RALPH CHAPMAN.

SHELBYVILLE.

MRS. JONES.

TAYLORVILLE.

JOHN KILLMAN.

HATTIE TAYLOR.

STATISTICAL TABLE

WITH NAME AND ADDRESS OF PASTOR, CHURCH CLERK AND SUPERINTENDENT OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND MISSIONS.

CHURCHES.	WHEN SETTLED.	PASTOR.	CHURCH CLERK.	SUPERINTENDENT.	ADDITIONS.				DIMINUTIONS.					SUNDAY SCHOOL.		
					Baptism.....	Letter.....	Experience..	Restoration..	Letter.....	Exclusion...	Dropped....	Died.....	Total.....	Officers and Teachers.	No. Scholars Enrolled.	Average Attendance.
Assumption.....			Willie Taylor, Spr'eld	W. L. McKinnie, Sp'ld									15	8	45	30
Bethel.....	1887	W. C. Roach.....	J. R. Smith.....	W. C. Roach.....								1	48	9	73	47
Berlin.....				J. W. Mitchell, N. Ber								3	175	9	60	39
CentralSpringfield....	1887	Orlin O. Fletcher.....	M. Hay.....	J. O. Humphrey.....	116	19	18	2	12	3	5	4	746	38	302	222
				S. Mendenhall.....										20	187	108
Chatham ..	1878	W. J. Chapin.....	Mary Aldrich.....	E. B. Smith.....										9	61	68
Decatur ..	1890	Chas. E. Torrey.....	Chas. L. Hovey.....	W. J. Chapin.....		1	1		1	2		1	45	12	100	40
				W. J. Wayne.....	163	18	20		17			1	565	49	400	275
				J. M. Bower.....										12	87	65
Diamond Grove....	1855	D. D. Holmes, Jackv'e	Miss E. Holmes, Jac'e	D. D. Holmes.....	6				3	5		1	56			
Jacksonville ..	1885	Frank M. Mitchell....	A. Hayden.....	T. D. Richardson....	34	10	3	1	8			4	286	22	144	119
Moweauqua ..	1890	J. F. Winchell.....	R. P. Duncan.....	A. J. Conbs.....	10	8	3	3	3	1		1	137	11	120	86
Oreana ..			C. P. Rainey.....	A. McBride.....					1				74	12	60	47
Pana ..	1886	H. S. Black.....	W. L. Dowling.....	Owen C. King.....	98	12	16	1	12		3		296	16	220	128
*Shelbyville ..	1890	J. P. Styles.....	Alvin Reed.....	E. A. Silver.....		2			7			1	161	16	88	60
Stonington ..	1890	J. J. Midkiff.....	J. W. Brown.....	A. Chesebro.....		5			1			1	123	10	60	38
Taylorville ..	1886	A. J. Young.....	Mrs. S. A. Morrison....	Mrs. J. H. Kitzmiller.		3	1	1	5		18	2	209	16	150	100
Morrisouville Mis....			J. B. Thompson.....			3			3				33			
Waverly ..	1890	B. F. Colwell.....	G. Ford.....	J. H. Neece.....	2	9			7	2	1		96	10	85	55
					429	90	62	8	78	15	27	20	3065	279	2241	1517

*Shelbyville report delayed the minutes one week. Letter not at Association.

TABLE OF EXPENSES AND BENEVOLENCE.

NAME.	Valuation Church Prop.	Mis. Permanent Improvements.	Expenses Sun- day School Mission.	Pub. Soc. Children's Day.	Judson Memo- rial Fund.	Women's Mis. Circles Bands and Guilds.		Foreign Mission.	Home Mission..	State Missions and Gen. Asso.	Ministerial Education.	Ministerial Aid Soc. and Home.	Schools and Colleges.	Pastor's Salary, Church Expenses and Repairs.	Other Objects...	Minutes	Total.
Bethel	\$ 5 500	\$	\$ 25 00	\$ 12 27	\$	\$ 27 25	Home.	\$ 30 50	\$ 41 55	\$ 36 25	\$ 33 30	\$ 30	\$ 70 00	\$ 94 20	\$ 200 00	2 50	119 20
Berlin	5 500	4 690	75 95	39 54	17 20	110 97	For- eign.	42 35	23 35	50 86	33 97	\$ 30	640 00	770 00	30 00	12 00	1269 57
Central Springfield.	2 300	..	385 39	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3200 00	..	..	9255 88
Chatham	50 000	..	21 86	35 43	..	53 00	..	36 01	10 50	5 00	11 50	..	..	190 00	408 19	10 00	227 76
Decatur	..	..	277 67	..	..	..	..	..	..	39 74	..	..	..	3757 01	..	1 50	4649 05
Diamond Grove	..	..	..	..	..	84 45	..	134 13	67 35	25 85	44 95	..	75 00	1473 81	30 26	3 00	2151 53
Jacksonville	15 000	..	187 03	25 70	..	..	..	..	..	11 00	..	..	5 00	690 00	..	3 00	772 00
Moweaua	3 503	..	55 00	8 00	..	15 00	..	2 45	3 77	4 00	3 78	..	..	330 72	..	2 00	384 57
Oreana	2 200	..	22 85	..	..	31 28	..	9 00	23 00	20 98	21 10	\$ 20	..	1120 00	9 00	3 00	1325 27
Pana	5 000	..	53 41	..	..	9 00	..	4 50	16 32	..	40 31	..	..	1400 00	..	1 50	1471 68
Shelbyville	5 000	..	..	..	..	15 00	..	..	..	..	38 00	..	..	760 00	10 00	1 80	844 80
Stonington	2 700	..	..	7 40	..	34 00	..	..	33 50	30 00	..	..	145 00	1435 45	3 00	2 00	1796 44
Taylorville	10 000	..	100 34	..	..	9 50	..	..	..	8 50	..	..	..	360 00	..	1 00	386 50
Morrisonville	..	..	35 00	..	..	8 00	..	15 50	7 50	17 60	40 00	..	..	417 00	..	2 00	552 60
Waverly.	2 600	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be called the "Springfield Baptist Association," and shall be composed of messengers, who shall be members of, and appointed by, the Churches they represent. The object of this Association is to promote the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ, at home and abroad, and by correspondence and co-operation with other Associations and missionary organizations connected with the Baptist denomination, strive to upbuild the Redeemer's Kingdom among men.

ART. II. Every church composed of a less number than twenty shall be entitled to two messengers, and an additional messenger for every twenty members.

ART. III. This Association shall meet annually on Wednesday preceding the first Sabbath in September, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the place previously appointed, and commence its session with public worship.

ART. IV. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by ballot, at each session of the Association, who shall continue in office until others are elected to supply their places. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside, and lead in all transactions of the meeting, and to see that due order and decorum are observed by all the members. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to make a fair and impartial record of all the doings of the meeting during the session, and furnish a correct copy of the same for publication. Three Trustees shall be chosen by ballot who shall manage and control and hold in trust all such funds as may have been, or may hereafter be bequeathed to the "Springfield Baptist Association" according to the provisions of such bequests. Said Trustees shall be elected to serve for three years, except that at the first election after the adoption of this amendment, when one of said trustees shall be elected to serve for one year, and one to serve for a term of two years, and one for three years, and thereafter that only one be elected annually to serve for three years, except to fill a vacancy.

ART. V. A Treasurer shall be chosen every year, whose duty it shall be to receive and safely keep all the monies belonging to this body and pay them out only as directed by this body (unless otherwise specified by the donor,) and transmit to his successor in office, the books together with the monies remaining in his hands at the expiration of his term of office.

ART. VI. Each church represented shall send with its messengers a letter, giving an account of its progress during the past year; its additions, diminutions, and whole number; what it is doing for the cause of Christ at home and abroad; and in short, whatever relates to its prosperity and peace as a Church of Jesus Christ. Each Church is expected to forward money for the printing of minutes.

ART. VII. Any Church wishing to unite with this Association applying by letter and delegates, may be received by giving satisfactory information that it is sound in doctrine and correct in practice, on the reception of which the Moderator shall give one of its delegates the right hand of fellowship on behalf of the body.

ART. VIII. When a church shall neglect to make any communication with this Association for three years in succession, it may be dropped from the minutes, unless its continuance is requested by at least two members, who shall engage to inquire into its condition, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ART. IX. The Association can exercise no authority or jurisdiction over the churches, each one of which is an independent body; nevertheless, the Association shall have the power to refuse any church a seat in this body that shall prove unworthy of its fellowship.

ART. X. The Association shall have power to hold correspondence with other Associations, as may be deemed expedient.

XI. This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, provided notice shall have been given of the proposed amendments at a previous annual meeting.

BY-LAWS.

1. Every meeting of the Association shall be closed with prayer.
2. No question shall be discussed until it is regularly moved and seconded.
3. No member of the Association shall speak on any question more than twice, nor more than ten minutes, without special leave of the Moderator.
4. Every member speaking shall address himself to the Moderator; shall avoid all improper personalities, and shall confine himself to the question before the Association.
5. When a member is speaking, all unnecessary noise and whispering shall be avoided.
6. Ministers and others invited to take a seat with us may take part in discussing all questions, but vote on none.
7. No member shall leave the Association without leave of the Moderator.
8. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to appoint all committees, unless it be otherwise ordered at the time.
9. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, but it shall be put without debate.
10. These rules shall be read at the opening of every annual meeting of the Association.

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TRUSTEES:

EDWIN S. WALKER.

J. OTIS HUMPHREY.

EDWARD D. KEYS.

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE:

REV. S. H. BOWYER.

DR. A. L. CONVERSE.

H. C. BOWER.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

PROF. J. H. COLLINS.

DR. F. B. SMITH.

REV. JOS. B. ROGERS.

COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM:

J. EDWARD SAXTON.

MISS LILLIAN CHAPMAN

PROF. C. M. PARKER.

MINISTERS WITH THEIR POST-OFFICE ADDRESS:

ALEXANDER, J. P.	Loami	MILFORD, G. E.	Assumption
BOWYER, S. H.	Decatur	PRIMM, J. W.	Springfield
BROWN, J. T.	Morrisonville	ROGERS, E. B.	Springfield
BROWN, E. M.	Oreana	ROGERS, JOS. B.	Moawequa
CARWILE, JAMES S.	Moawequa	SCOTT, A. H.	Springfield
CHAPIN, W. J.	Chatham	SPILMAN, J. T.	Shelbyville
CHAPMAN, C. F.	Stonington	STROUD, J. R.	New Stonington
CLAXON, G. W.	Latham	TILDEN, HORACE W.	Jacksonville
GREENWOOD, C. J.	Taylorville	THOMAS, JOSEPH.	Moawequa
HOLMES, D. D.	Jacksonville	TITTERINGTON, J. M.	Springfield
MIDKIFF, J. J.	Stonington	WALKER, EDWIN S.	Springfield

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

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Edwin J. Walker

CLERK OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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The Springfield Baptist Association met with the Central Baptist Church, in Springfield, on Wednesday, September 6, 1899.

At 10 o'clock a. m., the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. J. J. Midkiff, of Stonington.

The rules of the Association were read by the Clerk.

The services commenced with the reading of Scripture by Rev. S. C. Fulmer, and prayer by Rev. G. E. Milford.

The Moderator invited visiting brethren from other Associations and Missionary organizations to seats with us in the Association.

The following named responded to the invitation: Rev. S. C. Fulmer, District Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, Indianapolis, Ind.; Rev. E. S. Stucker, District Secretary for the Northwest of the American Baptist Publication Society, 177 Wabash Avenue, Chicago; Rev. E. P. Brand, Superintendent of Missions, Illinois Baptist General Association, Normal, Ill.; Miss Ellen M. Sprague, Vice-President for Illinois, of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society, 350 Marshfield Avenue, Chicago; Rev. H. P. Curry, Petersburg, Ill.; Rev. E. A. Stone, of the Illinois Baptist Sunday School Commission, Chicago.

The Moderator appointed

Committee on Nomination of Officers and Trustee—Rev. J. W. Primm and C. P. Rainey; also a

Committee on Enrollment—Rev. G. E. Milford and Bro. D. Sturgis.

At 10:30 o'clock, the time appointed for the preaching the **INTRODUCTORY SERMON** having arrived, the services were as follows:

Reading of Scripture, by Rev. G. E. Milford.

Prayer, by Rev. D. D. Holmes.

Song,

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Sermon, by Rev. S. H. BOWYER, of Decatur. Text, I. Kings, 20th chapter, 27th verse.

"And the Children of Israel were numbered and were all present, and went against them."

A timely sermon, and full of suggestions to renewed diligence and activity in Christian work.

At 11:15 o'clock, report of the Committee on Nomination of Officers and Trustee was made, recommending the following:

Moderator—REV. J. J. MIDKIFF.

Clerk—REV. EDWIN S. WALKER.

Treasurer—W. S. BARBER.

Trustee—For three years, EDWIN S. WALKER.

On motion of Rev. S. H. Bowyer, it was ordered that the ballot of the Association be cast for the officers named in the report, and it was so cast, and they were declared duly elected.

At 11:50 o'clock, the reading of church letters was commenced.

The letter of the Central Baptist Church, of Springfield, extending to the Association a cordial greeting, and hearty welcome to its hospitalities, was first in order. After this, a motion was made to postpone the further reading until afternoon, and it was so ordered.

The Church Committee on Entertainment requested all messengers and visiting brethren to report immediately for assignment to places during the meetings.

At 12 o'clock the Association adjourned, with prayer by Rev. E. A. Stone.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association convened at 1:30 o'clock.

Devotional Services were led by Rev. J. W. Primm, for 20 minutes.

At 1:50 o'clock the reading of church letters was resumed. The Clerk was kindly assisted in this service by Rev. S. H. Bowyer, as in former years.

These showed, in some of the churches, a good degree of prosperity, whilst in others there was a complaint of a low state of religious activity and spiritual life.

At 2:30 o'clock the Moderator appointed the following committees for the session:

Committee on Home and Foreign Missions—Rev. S. H. Bowyer, Mrs. S. B. Titterington, C. P. Rainey, Rev. G. E. Milford.

Committee on B. Y. P. Union Societies—Rev. J. T. Brown, Miss Emma L. Malone, Mrs. Harry T. Pride.

Committee on Resolutions—E. S. Walker, J. W. Primm, F. M. Coard.

Committee on Next Session—Thomas E. Sexton, Miss Lillian Chapman, Mrs. A. J. Combs.

At 2:45 o'clock, Rev. S. C. Fulmer, District Secretary of the A. B. Home Mission Society, spoke for 30 minutes, representing the interests of that Society.

At 3:15 o'clock, Rev. E. P. Brand, Superintendent of State Missions, spoke for 30 minutes upon the importance, the limitations, and the difficulties of this field of missionary operations.

At 3:45 o'clock, Rev. E. A. Stone spoke upon the Methods, and Agencies, for the Successful Prosecution of the Sunday School Work, for 30 minutes.

At 4:15 o'clock Mrs. S. B. Titterington—herself having been born in a heathen land, the daughter of missionary parents, the revered Bronsons, and from childhood an earnest missionary at heart, and in missionary service at home always foremost, spoke in behalf of Foreign Missions, their demands, their prospects, and their needs, to the interest of all who heard her.

After announcements by the Moderator, the Association adjourned at 5 o'clock, with prayer.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION.

Association convened at 7:30 o'clock.

Organ Recital and Song Service for 30 minutes.

At 8 o'clock—Address by Prof. SHAILER MATHEWS, Dean of the Divinity School, of the University of Chicago. Subject:

“JESUS IN THE LIGHT OF HIS TIMES.”

Adjourned, with prayer, to meet at 8 o'clock Thursday morning.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

At 8 o'clock, Devotional and Song Service.

At 8:30 o'clock, the Moderator, Rev. J. J. Midkiff, calling Rev. H. W. Tilden to preside, offered the following:

Resolution, That we accept The Baptist Orphans' Home, at Berwyn, Ill., our God given opportunity to care for the Orphans of our people; that we pray and pay for and to its success; that each church in this body make an annual offering to its work.

After considerable discussion as to the propriety of our churches accepting any more societies or organizations, as “God-given opportunities,” for making contributions for Christian benevolence, the resolution was finally adopted. It was urged as an objection that there were more such organizations, already “accepted,” than the churches feel inclined liberally to support.

Reports of the Officers, and Committees of the Association, were presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

At 9 o'clock, Rev. S. H. Bowyer, in behalf of the Committee on Home and Foreign Missions, presented the following:

1. We would report our previous conviction that State, Home and Foreign Missions have each legitimate claims upon all our churches for hearty co-operation and support.

2. The State Association had, during a part of the past year, aided two of our churches—New Stonington and Morrisonville.

It is also proposed to give aid to Edinburg, as soon as a pastor can be secured.

3. No Sunday School Institutes have been held within the Association during the last year, but we think the work upon our Sunday Schools has been well maintained. Your Committee would recommend, that more be done in the future for the maintenance of our State Sunday School work.

4. Your Committee would further recommend, that steps be taken for doing some special evangelistic work within our Association, but that this should, in no sense, interfere with our relation to the State General Association.

S. H. BOWYER, *Chairman.*

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee would report as follows:

We recommend that each Sunday School in the Association give its support to the Baptist State Sunday School work by an offering and send the same to H. R. Clissold, Chicago.

We further recommend, that each Sunday School use Baptist literature, Lesson Helpers and Papers. We urge every church, each year to have a Sunday School Rally and revival work by Institute and Convention.

G. W. CLAXON, *Chairman.*

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION.

Your Committee on the Work of the B. Y. P. Union, in the Springfield Association, beg leave to report the following:

1. We recognize that God has moved us to organize our Young People's Societies for the purpose of training in the Christian service, and for the advancement of His Kingdom.

2. That we have semi-annual meetings to inspire our Young People to greater activity in Christian work.

3. We recommend the Christian Culture Course, and urge upon all to take the course in the Baptist Union.

4. We would also ask the Societies to use every effort to attend the Annual State meetings.

J. T. BROWN,
EMMA L. MALONE,
MRS. HARRY T. PRIDE,

Adopted.

Committee

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following report, which was adopted by unanimous vote of the Association:

1. "*Resolved*, That in the recent war with Spain we recognize the vigorous prosecution of the contest, and its successful termination in so brief a period, and with so small a loss of life, as having been conducted under the guidance of God, and regard the results as tokens of His divine approval, of the action taken by the American people, and of the government of the United States, in putting a stop to the atrocities, which, under Spanish misrule, had been suffered for more than three centuries by the people of Cuba.

2. "*Resolved*, That the treaty of peace having brought us the Philippines, by cession from Spain, and having been ratified by the United States Senate, the government of the United States thereby became responsible to the inhabitants of those islands for the maintenance of law and order, and the establishment of a government founded upon justice, and made stable for the protection of the lives, the property, and the well being of the entire people.

3. "*Resolved*, That the President of the United States, William McKinley, throughout the great conflict which is destined to mark an epoch in history, has conducted the affairs of the executive department of the government with patient dignity and wisdom, with calm and statesman-like ability, and with unquestionable patriotism.

4. "*Resolved*, That the great army of volunteers and regulars, who responded so promptly to the call of our country in 1898, and who have so distinguished themselves by heroic deeds and noble sacrifice; and also those who are now offering themselves in the cause of liberty, are entitled to the gratitude of our entire people.

5. *Resolved*. That as Christian men and women, we accord the government our sympathy and loyal support in a vigorous prosecution of the work now before it, to the end that its authority may soon be established, and its flag upheld and honored by a grateful and free people, throughout the Philippine archipelago."

EDWIN S. WALKER,
F. M. COARD,
JOHN W. PRIMM,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEXT SESSION.

The Committee on Next Session reported, recommending that the next Annual Meeting be held with the Stonington Baptist Church, and commencing on the first Wednesday in September, 1900; that Rev. HORACE W. TILDEN, of Jacksonville, be appointed to preach the ANNUAL SERMON.

The report was adopted.

Rev. S. H. Bowyer moved that the sum of \$20 be paid the Clerk for his services in preparing the Minutes for publication, and distributing them to the churches.

The motion was adopted.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

1. The Trustees of the Association respectfully report that the STRAWBRIDGE ANNUAL SERMON was preached by Rev. EDWIN S. WALKER, in the Central Baptist Church, in Springfield, on the second Sunday in October, 1898.
2. That the annual interest due on the Strawbridge Fund of \$1,000, invested at six per cent., \$60.00, was collected on the 11th day of February, 1899, and has been paid into the Treasury of the Association.
3. That we recommend that Rev. J. B. ROGERS, of Moawequa, be appointed to preach the STRAWBRIDGE ANNUAL SERMON on the second Sunday in October, 1900.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN S. WALKER,
EDWARD D. KEYS,
J. O. HUMPHREY,

Trustees.

Adopted.

The Report of the Treasurer was read, and approved, and ordered printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Springfield Baptist Association,
In Account with W. S. BARBER, Treasurer.

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Sept. 15, 1898	By balance from Report of 1898	\$72 50	
Sept. 7, 1898	By cash received from Churches for Minutes.....	47 21	
Sept. 5, 1899	By cash received of Trustees, interest on Strawbridge Fund	60 00	
Total amount received			\$179 71
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Sept., 1898	To cash paid for cut of Thomas Strawbridge	\$7 00	
" "	To cash paid for photo in India ink and frame therefor, of THOMAS STRAWBRIDGE.	3 00	
Aug. 29, 1898	To cash paid for circulars sent to churches	50	
Sept. 22, 1898	To cash paid Talbott & Hamann, for printing 1000 copies of Minutes, including the STRAWBRIDGE ANNUAL SER- MON by Rev. Edwin S. Walker.....	58 00	
Oct. 10, 1898	To cash paid express charges on Minutes	3 25	
" "	To cash paid for postage on correspondence.....	96	
" "	To cash paid Rev. E. S. WALKER for preaching the STRAW- BRIDGE ANNUAL SERMON	25 00	
" "	To cash paid E. S. Walker, for services as Clerk.....	20 00	
Aug. 20, 1899	To cash paid for blank church letters for 1899, and postage.	1 00	
Sept. 5, 1899	Balance cash on hand	61 00	
Total			\$179 71

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. BARBER, Treasurer.

At 9:30 o'clock, Rev. E. S. Stucker, representing the American Baptist Publication Society and its work, especially in the Bible Department, gave an interesting Address of 30 minutes upon The Bible as the Book of all Books, the Christian's only true guide in the duties of the Christian life and in the way to heaven.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Association.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

At 10 o'clock, the Moderator called to the chair Mrs. E. B. Rogers, President of the Woman's Missionary Society, and from that hour until the time for adjournment, the time was devoted to its work.

Meeting opened with Song Service.

Prayer by Mrs. W. H. Taylor, Springfield.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Mrs. S. B. Titterington, of Springfield, spoke upon the Foreign Work, and the needs in that direction.

Question Box meeting, conducted by Miss Sprague. A collection was taken, amounting to \$4.72, which was divided between the Home and Foreign Societies.

Miss Ellen M. Sprague, of Chicago, spoke for 30 minutes upon the Home Field, as represented by the Woman's A. B. Home Mission Society, its success, its plans for future work, and service, and its demands for increased support to meet the claims which press continually upon the women of our churches.

At 11 o'clock, Reports from Mission Circles were in order, and the time was occupied in further discussion of the general subject and plans for the future.

Meeting closed with benediction by Rev. E. P. Brand.

MRS. HARRY T. PRIDE,
Secretary.

At 12 o'clock the Association adjourned, to meet at 1:30 o'clock p. m.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met at 1:30 o'clock.

Devotional Services were led by Rev. D. D. Holmes.

At 2 o'clock, business was resumed, with the Moderator in the chair.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

The MODERATOR appointed the following:

Home and Foreign Missionary Committee—Rev. S. H. Bowyer, Dr. A. L. Converse, H. C. Bower.

Sunday School Committee — Prof. J. H. Collins, Dr. F. B. Smith, Rev. Jos. B. Rogers.

Committee on Program— Deacon J. E. Saxton, Miss Lillian Chapman, Prof. C. M. Parker.

Rev. S. H. Bowyer was, on motion, appointed member of the Board of the Illinois Baptist General Association.

Rev. S. H. Bowyer offered the following

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

“*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association be, and are hereby tendered, to the Springfield Church, and Pastor, for their hearty welcome at this meeting, and for their generous hospitality during the session.”

The resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

At 2:30 o'clock, the subject assigned for this hour was, “THE STUDY OF SACRED LITERATURE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.”

Rev. E. P. Brand, Superintendent of State Missions, lead in an interesting address. He was followed by Revs. S. H. Bowyer, J. J. Midkiff, D. D. Holmes and E. B. Rogers, for an hour, when

At 3:30 o'clock, Rev. Jos. B. Rogers presented the claims of the Baptist Ministers' Aid Society, and at its close an offering was made to its treasury to the amount of \$18.75.

At 4 o'clock, the business of the session having been completed, the Association adjourned.

EDWIN S. WALKER,
Clerk.

J. J. MIDKIFF,
Moderator.

THE
BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION
OF THE
SPRINGFIELD ASSOCIATION.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION.

The meeting was called to order by the **PRESIDENT, REV. JOSEPH B. ROGERS**, of Moweaqua.

At 7 o'clock the meeting was opened by a Praise and Prayer Service, led by Rev. J. T. Brown, of Morrisonville.

At 7:30 o'clock the report of the Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Emma L. Malone, of Oreana, was read and approved.

A Committee on Nominations was appointed: Rev. G. E. Milford, Assumption; Miss Ethel M. Dimock, Decatur; Miss Lillian Chapman, Stonington.

The Committee reported, recommending the election of the old officers, and by vote, the ballot was ordered to be cast for them as reported, and it was so cast, when they were declared duly elected, to-wit:

President—JOS. B. ROGERS, of Moawequa.

Vice-President—NORMAN COUGHLIN, of Decatur.

Secretary and Treasurer—MISS EMMA L. MALONE, of Oreana.

At 8 o'clock, Hon. I. A. Buckingham, of the Decatur Church, delivered an address upon "Christian Citizenship." This was a most timely and forceful consideration of the amenities due from, and between Christians, to one another; and to those who are as yet without Christ, as a personal Savior, as also of the duties of prayer and personal consecration, as a preparation for the active church work and the accordant duties of good citizens.

At 8:30 o'clock Bro. Norman Coughlin, of Decatur, and Rev. S. H. Bowyer gave interesting reports of the recent Convention of the B. Y. P. U. Societies held at Richmond, Va.

Owing to the lateness of the hour and the appearance of a storm, the greetings were not read from the different Societies.

A vote of thanks was extended to the Springfield Central Baptist Church and their pastor for their royal entertainment of the delegates during the Association.

Adjourned with prayer, by Rev. G. E. Milford, of Assumption.

EMMA L. MALONE, *Secretary.*

REPORTS OF MISSION CIRCLES.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSION WORK.

STONINGTON.

Have sent to Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, \$10.37. To Woman's Home Mission Society, \$20—two members giving \$5 each.

OREANA.

Seven meetings held, and Missionary Teas given every three months, Free-will Offerings being taken. Have raised for Foreign Missions, \$8.60. For Home Missions, \$1.00. For State Missions, \$1.00.

DECATUR.

Reports a membership of thirty-three who give one dollar, or more, each year. Contributed to Foreign Missions, \$50.90.

JACKSONVILLE.

Reports between \$20 and \$25 given to Foreign Missions, and one quilt and calico for setting together, to Miss Crawford, a Home Missionary.

BERLIN.

Reports eleven meetings held. Have contributed to Foreign Missions, \$13.50. To Home Missions, \$5.10. To Deficit Fund, \$5.00.

SPRINGFIELD.

Reports from "What I Can" Circle, \$2.50. Have contributed to Foreign Missions, \$32.57. To Home Missions, \$28.00.

MOAWEAQUA.

Have contributed to Foreign Missions, \$10.00. To Home Missions, \$18.00; and given aid to the poor people of Moawequa.

MRS. HARRY T. PRIDE.

Secretary.

MEMORIALS.



THOMAS G. MENDENHALL.

THOMAS G. MENDENHALL was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, May 25, 1814; he removed to Berlin, Sangamon county, Ill., in 1838; and there made his home until the time of his death, January 23, 1899. He early opened a little store, where were kept the few articles of prime

necessity, such as tea, coffee, sugar, molasses, and other "West India goods," which were exchanged for cash when people had any, or for pork, and corn or cattle, which found market in their season in St. Louis.

Trade increased with the increased demands of the growing population, and the young merchant, ever attentive to business found his means increasing with each succeeding year. As the then opening prairie lands were awaiting purchasers, at from \$1.25 to \$2.50 an acre, the young merchant managed from the profits of his store to purchase a quarter section of land of 160 acres, as often as he could spare the means for that purpose.

Meanwhile, with his growing family of children, as his means increased, he gave liberally to the support of schools, and bore his full part as a member of the church in support of the preaching of the gospel.

Of the seven little Baptist churches which were organized in Central Illinois, into the Springfield Baptist Association in 1837, the "Island Grove Church," with thirty-three members was one. Mr. Mendenhall became a member of this church in 1848.

During the succeeding fifty years of his life there was great development, and corresponding growth in strength and membership, in the Baptist churches. Like the silent forces of nature Baptist men and women were slowly toiling, to lay broad and deep the foundations of our denominational prosperity. Of such was Thomas G. Mendenhall. The truth of the proverb, "The hand of the diligent maketh rich," was illustrated in his life, and while it was alike his pleasure and his habit, to bestow his goods and his money for the promotion of every good cause, he tempered his benefactions with a generous and wise discretion.

In the latter years of his life he gave liberal sums to each of his five children, and among other bequests, in his last will and testament, made the following:

"I give and bequeath, to the American Baptist Home Mission Society the sum of \$2,000; to the American Baptist Missionary Union the sum of \$2,000; to the American Baptist Publication Society the sum of \$2,000; to the Baptist Ministers' Home the sum of \$1,000; to the Illinois Baptist General Association the sum of \$1,000."

In these liberal bequests was recognized by our departed brother the divine favor, bestowed upon him, throughout the long period of his life. The faithful and devoted wife of his earthly pilgrimage, died December 2, 1891.

His modest fortune, accumulated by industry and honest toil, was used for the benefit of his generation, and for the promotion of the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Such lives as his ennobled humanity, and may well incite us to renewed consecration to Christian service.

The two cuts in these Minutes are inserted without cost to the Association.

E. S. W.

MEMORIALS.

REV. JUSTUS BULKLEY, D. D.

On the 17th day of January, 1899, in the 80th year of his age, at his home in Upper Alton, closed the earthly career, and life, of Rev. Justus Bulkley, D. D., one of the oldest and most widely known Baptist ministers in Illinois. This Association recognized in his death, the closing of a most useful career, as a minister of the gospel, and a public educator. He was born in the State of Vermont in the year 1819, and came to Illinois when 20 years of age. He entered Shurtleff College and was graduated with the class of 1847. Succeeding his graduation he served several churches as pastor, among them the churches at Carrollton and Jerseyville, Ill., where he left his impress which is felt to the present day. For fully fifty years he was identified with Shurtleff College as a teacher, and so continued in active service to the time of his death. He was one of the organizers of the BAPTIST GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF ILLINIOS, and for many years its President. For many years also he was chairman of the Obituary Committee, and the Historical Secretary of that Association, during which time his facile pen recorded the lives and deeds of the numerous brethren, who have served in the work of the ministry in Illinois, for the last half century.

No man of his time could have been so well qualified for this service, for with his tender heart, and his personal experience in the ministry, he wrote with a pen dipped in grateful tears, as one after another of his compeers dropped out of the ranks by his side. His last service in this regard is touched with tenderest pathos, in his "CONCLUSION" after having drawn with a master's hand sketches of the lives of ten or more others, he spoke of Rev. Leroy Church, the founder of The Standard; of D. L. Morrill, D. D., one of the early pioneers of the last half of the century in Illinois, and for years pastor at Upper Alton; William M. Haigh, D. D., of sainted memory; of John B. English, D. D., one of the brightest representatives of Shurtleff, and Daniel Read, D. D., a former President, all in terms of high appreciation, and as one who was conscious that he himself was about soon to follow them, as he said—

"We pause a moment under the shadow of the cypress trees, cast a wreath of flowers upon the newly-made hillock, throw our arms around the cross, whose mysteries we may never solve in this life, but whose power uplifts a fallen race to God, and renew together our vows of consecration."

"We a little longer wait,"
But how little none can know."

Those who were present at the last meeting of the General Association in Aurora in October last, and of the Pastoral Union, over which he presided, will well remember with what grace and patriarchal dignity he

filled the honored chair for the last time. It remains for some other more skillful pen to tell the story of his life in detail, but it is due to the memory of that life, that noble soul henceforth glorified, that the records of the Springfield Association give place for an expression of our sense of loss at his departure, and our high appreciation of his many noble qualities of both mind and heart.

E. S. W.

DEACON JAMES C. HALL

Was born in Chowan County, North Carolina, in 1818. He removed to Sangamon County, Illinois, in 1839. He located first in Berlin, where in early life he united with the Baptist Church; and after a few years removed to Springfield, where he became a member of the First Baptist Church. Soon after his arrival in Springfield he formed the acquaintance of a young lawyer, which ripened into such intimacy that they became room-mates, in humble lodgings, and as young men began the struggle of life together. That young man was ABRAHAM LINCOLN between whom and Mr. Hall there were formed such strong ties of friendship as endured until severed by death. For nearly sixty years he was a devoted Christian, zealous of good works, one in whose heart was the law of kindness, and whose consistent walk before the world commended him as "without guile." As a Deacon he served with fidelity, as a Trustee with efficiency, and as a Sunday School Teacher with marked usefulness and success. Until two years ago he continued the business of his long life, that of a retail grocer, when, from the infirmities of age, he retired and patiently awaited the coming of his Lord. On Saturday morning of February 4, 1899, by the burning of the boarding house in which he made his home, he was one of three persons who perished, and his soul was wafted to heaven as in a chariot of fire, aged 80 years.

E. S. W.

MRS. MARTHA A. GOODRICH

Was born in Ohio, February 21, 1834. When 21 years of age she removed with her parents to Taylorville, Illinois, and on June 17, 1855, was united in marriage with William A. Goodrich. In the same year she united with the Baptist Church in Taylorville, and with her husband made a Christian home, where with large hearts they always kept open house for Baptist preachers, and bore a large part of the support of the church. It has been truthfully said of her that "she was a typical model of true womanhood." Charitable, and open-hearted, a loving and faithful wife, and a true friend, an active worker in all things which tended to advance the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ. Suddenly called, she departed this life on November 11, 1898, as the result of injuries received in falling down a flight of stairs at the home of a friend. After three days of suffering, her freed spirit went home to be with her Lord. No member of the church, to which she gave her life's devotion, enjoyed a larger measure of its confidence and its love.

E. S. W.

IN MEMORIAM.

ASSUMPTION.

Sister Lizzie Lock.

BERLIN.

Mrs. Mary Jarrett; Mrs. Emma Strawish; Miss Mamie Fitzhugh.

SPRINGFIELD.

Central Church of Springfield reports the death of nine members.

DECATUR.

Samuel C. Allen, one of the constituent members of the church, having with others been dismissed from the Springfield Church to establish this church, September 14, 1843.

Mrs. Mary B. Miller; Mrs. Mary Peel; John W. Kennedy.

DIAMOND GROVE.

One member has died.

JACKSONVILLE.

Mrs. Duncan Cameron; Mrs. Hannah Westrope, and Mrs. Susan Dunlap, for more than 47 years a member. She had always been a faithful christian.

LOAMI.

One member has died.

MOAWEQUA.

Six members have died.

MORRISONVILLE.

Jos. H. Miller, aged 63 years. "In his death we greatly miss his counsels and influence, his memory will long live in our hearts."

OREANA.

One member has died.

PANA.

One member has died.

SHELBYVILLE.

Sister Samantha J. Turner; Sister Daisy Kyle.

STONINGTON.

Three members have died.

ZENOBIA.

One member has died.

ABSTRACT OF LETTERS.

ASSUMPTION.—The past year has been one of spiritual blessing. We believe that progress has been made in church work, and that we have been built up in Christian faith. We have the services of Rev. G. E. Milford, as pastor, since last January. Our Sunday School has done good work under the leadership of Brother S. E. Cushing. We hope to do good work for the Master the coming year. We have had four additions to the church during the year, and one death—that of Sister Lizzie Lock.

BERLIN.—We have been without a pastor since the resignation of Rev. T. W. Todd in February, 1898. In January, a lady evangelist came to New Berlin, commenced a series of meetings that continued five weeks, the result being twenty-five, who professed faith in Christ. As her meetings closed, Rev. A. H. Scott came to our assistance, preached a week, baptized and gave the hand of fellowship to thirteen persons who were added to the church. Death has taken four of our members—our highly esteemed and beloved brother, Thomas G. Mendenhall, Miss Mamie Fitzhugh, Mrs. Emma Strawish, Mrs. Mary Jarrett. We ask an interest in your prayers.

SECOND BETHEL.—Last winter we had pastor J. R. Stroud, of New Stonington, with us, in a meeting of days, and in the early spring Pastors J. J. Midkiff, of Old Stonington, Joseph B. Rogers, of Moweaqua, for some time, and as a result of these meetings the church was greatly revived, and nine were added to the membership. We are yet weak in numbers and in finances, but we are trying to keep house for the Lord. We enjoy the services of our beloved pastor, Rev. Joseph Thomas, of Moweaqua. Our Sunday School and Young People's Society are doing good work.

CENTRAL.—We extend a hearty greeting to you as delegates to the Springfield Baptist Association, and most cordially welcome you to our church and to our homes. As a church we trust that we have made spiritual progress the past year, and that through our efforts the kingdom of God has been extended.

Our pastor, Rev. E. B. Rogers, has completed the seventh year of his work with us. During these years he has earnestly and faithfully preached the Gospel of Christ to large and attentive congregations, and his sermons have been an inspiration to nobler purposes, and more Christ-like living. During a part of last November special services were held under the direction of Rev. Daniel Shepardson, Jr., who gave Bible readings each afternoon, and preached every evening while with us. Those services were largely attended and were especially helpful to the church.

The work of our Missions continues, each maintaining Sunday Schools and devotional services—the South Springfield Sunday School, with Bro. John Pennington as superintendent, and the Elliott Avenue with Bro. John O. Rames, Jr., as superintendent. The work of the Central School is progressing under the superintendency of Bro. W. W. Burt.

CHATHAM.—We are glad to report that we have for a time secured the labors of Rev. J. W. Chapin to hold services every two weeks. It seems good to worship again under our own vine, and we hope the Divine blessing will rest upon us and upon the word preached. We are interested in Home and Foreign Missions and send in our mite. We trust you will remember us at the throne of grace, that the Lord will bless us and give enlargement to Zion.

DECATUR.—We greet you this year with glad hearts and in the Lord's sweetest spirit. All the shadows of the past have either entirely disappeared or are rapidly on the wane; and the prospect next year seems brighter than ever before. Our beloved pastor Rev. S. H. Bowyer, and his good wife, have proven a blessing to this church indeed. The different organizations of the church are in excellent form and doing good work. Last month we had the privilege of ordaining to the Baptist ministry the Rev. J. T. Finley. Death has removed four of our members since we last met with you—of these, one was Bro. Samuel C. Allen, one of the constituent members of our church, having, with others, withdrawn from the Springfield church to establish this church, September 14, 1843.

DIAMOND GROVE.—Our enrolled membership indicates a good degree of church strength, yet the work of sustaining the cause of truth rests on but few available members, surrounded with elements not at all helpful. Our church property is in good repair. We observe regular Sabbath service. Rev. F. M. Mitchell labored one week with us last fall, greatly to the encouragement of the church.

Our 76th church anniversary was observed at our April church meeting. Our pastor labors to encourage unto greater trustfulness in God and greater faithfulness. We long for the tidal wave of God's reviving grace to quicken us unto greater life and power. We ask your loving, prayerful sympathy as one of the constituent members of your body.

JACKSONVILLE.—We have not yet fully recovered from the lapsing so commonly felt, as a result of special efforts made in getting possession of a new house of worship. We have much to be grateful for. Our pastor, Rev. H. W. Tilden, has entered

upon his work among us with vigor; his searching and effective sermons attract the attention of many people besides our own. We feel that he has been sent to us by the Lord, and we expect steady advance under his leadership and greet you in a spirit of thanksgiving and hope.

LOAMI—We rejoice in the return of our annual meeting with its fraternal greetings, its christian fellowship, and its conferences concerning the interest of our Redeemer's kingdom. We deeply regret that more efficient work has not been done by the church for the Master's cause and winning souls to Christ. We have had the stated ministration of the word and special services in the winter by our pastor, Rev. J. P. Alexander. The prayer meetings and Sunday School are well attended.

MOWEAQUA—It is with thankful hearts that we are again permitted to greet you by letter and messengers. We are glad to say that the Lord is still with us and bestowing blessings upon us. During the year thirty-one have been added to our number. Our beloved pastor, Rev. Jos. B. Rogers, is still with us and is doing a noble work. Since we last met with you the Lord has seen fit to take from us six of our number, four of them being among the oldest members of our church.

The Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Societies of the church are in prosperous condition. There are about thirty copies of religious papers taken in the church.

MORRISONVILLE—There has been but little change in our church work during the past year. Bro. Brown conducted a series of meetings last January, and as a result of these meetings there were three additions to the church—two by letter and one by experience. Our Sunday School, prayer meetings and B. Y. P. U. need new life in them. Death has claimed a most valuable member of this church in the person of Bro. Jos. H. Miller.

OREANA—While we do not think we are doing all possible for a church of Jesus Christ to do, we think we are doing the best we can under the circumstances. From our last meeting with you our pastor, I. S. Hicks, continued with us to the close of the year when he resigned, and we called Rev. G. W. Claxton, as pasior. The church is working on all lines as formerly, viz: Ladies' Missionary Circle, B. Y. P. U., Prayer Meetiugs, and Sunday School.

PANA—Our pastor, F. W. Edson, resigned his pastorate March 29, 1899. Since which time we have had no preaching. The Sabbath School, Aid Society, B. Y. P. U. Societies, and Prayer Meetings, are being kept alive and are fairly well attended, considering the state of things existing in our city, and the disagreements among the members of our families and churches, on account of the labor trouble and lawlessness in our midst, which has largely drawn away from the church the support and attendance that it formerly enjoyed, has depleted our treasury and membership greatly.

SHELBYVILLE—We have lost two members by death, and it furnishes material for valuable reflection to state the fact that one was a veteran in the Christian warfare, while the other was only putting on the armor for the contest in behalf of her Christian faith. Samantha J. Turner, who went to rest during the past year, was for a great many years a consistent and faithful member.

STONINGTON—Our pastor, Rev. J. J. Midkiff, resigned at the close of a nine years' faithful pastorate, since which time we have had no regular preaching. Last October we had a series of meetings in which Rev. J. O. Harris, of DuQuoin, ably assisted. As a result of these meetings there were twenty-one additions to the church, many of them from Sunday School. We cordially invite the Association to meet with us next year.

NEW STONINGTON—Last year we reported that we needed a pastor who could devote his entire time to the work here. Since then the Lord has directed Rev. J. R. Stroud to this place, who is now our pastor. In December the church decided to call him and to pay him a salary of \$500. Only \$275 of this amount was subscribed, and after preaching every Sunday for six months he decided to preach only once a month during the remainder of the year.

TAYLORVILLE—We have enjoyed the services of Rev. C. J. Greenwood as our pastor during the year past. Our regular services have been maintained with good interest, both in regular services and prayer meetings. We began a series of meetings the latter part of January, continuing on until the first part of March with the aid of Rev. Daniel Shepardson, Jr., resulted in thirty-nine additions to our church. Our Sunday School attendance has been large during the past year.

ZENOBIA—We have built and dedicated, free of debt, a house of worship costing more than \$1500. This we regard as a special gift from our gracious Father. We have maintained preaching services one-fourth of the time, also teachers' meetings weekly during the year, and weekly prayer meetings since the first of March. Our B. Y. P. U. meetings are held weekly Sabbath evenings and are growing in attendance and interest. We have not had any great ingathering during the year, but a spiritual interest has been manifested.

EDINBURGH MISSION—Since our Association last met the Lord has visited our little mission with a wonderful outpouring of his Holy Spirit. During the months of December and January last, a glorious revival was held in our church, under the leadership of Revs. Kline, Rogers, Midkiff and Greenwood, and the Lord added to the fold 37 souls, and there had been one accession since the meeting closed. Our Sunday School is in a prosperous condition.

ANNUAL REPORT

Of the Baptist Young People's Societies of the Springfield Baptist Association for Year Ending September 1, 1899.

NAME OF CHURCH.	NAME OF PASTOR.	Name of Society.	NAME OF PRESIDENT.	NAME OF COR. SECRE- TARY.	Date of Regular Election of Officers.	MEMBERS.			No. Copies "Baptist Union" Taken.	No. Conversions Traceable to Our Work.	MONEYS RAISED FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK				Money Raised by Societies for Other Objects.	No. Systematic Givers.
						Active.	Associate.	Total.			Local Ex- penses.	Associa- tional Union.	State Union.	Interna- tional Union.		
Decatur	S. N. Bowyer	C. End'v'r	Norm'n Coughlin	Ethel Dimcock ..	Mar.-Sept.	101	1	103	1	2	17 00	.....	.....	.....	500 00	25
Edinburg.....	.....	B. Y. P. U.	John E. George ..	Robt. Blake.....	Jan.-July.	7	4	11	.....	.....	37 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00	11
Jacksonville ..	C. J. Greenwood ..	B. Y. P. U.	H. E. Read.....	C. S. Fox.....	Apr.-Nov.	5	.....	50	.....	.....	3 50	1 00	.....	.....	.....	4
Loami	J. P. Alexander.	B. Y. P. U.	Nell McReynolds	Lila Sturgis.....	Jan.-July.	19	9	28	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Morrisonville ..	J. T. Brown.....	B. Y. P. U.	Louis Beard	Alice Denton.....	Jan.-July.	20	15	35	5	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Moweauqua	Jos. B. Rogers....	B. Y. P. U.	D. Adamson	Lila Bruner.....	Jan.-July.	76	6	82	5	.....	1 50	1 00	1 00	.....	140 00	10
Oreana.....	G. W. Claxton	B. Y. P. U.	Isabel Malone...	Essie Shastid	Jan.-July.	13	10	23	10	None	10 4	80	3 00	2 60	14 46	10
Pana.....	.....	B. Y. P. U.	John Prentice	Lottie Leetham ..	Jan.-July.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shelbyville.....	J. T. Spilman	B. Y. P. U.	John Ward.....	Lola Spilman.....	Jan.-July.	25	5	30	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
S. M. Springfield	Rev. E. B. Rogers	C. End'v'r	Jay McCoy.....	Lizzie Morgan	Mar.-Sept.	23	12	35	.....	4 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18
Elliott Ave. Mis.	"	C. End'v'r	May Fagan	Fleta Carter.....	Mar.-Sept.	21	4	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Central Spring'd	"	C. End'v'r	Rollo Constant ..	Stanley Castle.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Taylorville	C. J. Greenwood.	B. Y. P. U.	Geo. Zimmerman	Zinna Salander...	Jan.-July.	50	3	53	1	.....	41 53	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zenobia.....	J. T. Brown.....	B. Y. P. U.	Charlie Clower ..	W. T. Rich.....	.....	25	25	25	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

OUR ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS ARE:

President—Rev. Jos. B. Rogers, Moawequa, Ill. Vice President—Norman Coughlin, Decatur, Ill.
Secretary—Miss Emma L. Malone, Oreana.

TABLE OF CHURCH STATISTICS.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	CLERKS WITH THEIR POST OFFICE.	PASTORS AND MESSENGERS.	GAIN.				LOSS.				Total Number.
			Baptism....	Letter	Experi nce.	Restored ...	Letter	Excluded...	Erased.....	Died	
Assumption.....	E. Howard.....	REV. G. E. MILFORD.....	3	2			4			1	126
Berlin	Hugh Futch, New Berlin.	E. L. Rhea, Mrs. C. S. Boynton, Mrs. M. C. Carpenter.....	13				13	1		4	157
Second Bethel	C. M. Lively, Blue Mound.	REV. JOSEPH THOMAS.....	1			8					21
Chatham	Mary Aldrich	REV. W. J. CHAPIN, Mary Aldrich.....									20
		{ REV. E. B. ROGERS, Rev. E. S. Walker, Rev. J. W. Primm, A. L. Converse, Mrs. A. L. Converse, Mrs. E. B. Rogers, Mrs. L. Smith, R. T. Roseberry, Mrs. R. T. Roseberry, Harry T. Pride, Mrs. Harry T. Pride, N. Hay, E. L. Chapin, N. Neher, John O. Rames, T. E. Sexton, Mrs. T. E. Sexton, Mrs. W. S. Barber, W. A. Pavay, Edward F. Smith	21	17	4		20	5		9	956
Central Springfield	W. H. Taylor.....	{ REV. S. H. BOWYER, Rev. J. T. Finley, J. E. Saxton, Norman Coughlin, Miss E. M. Dimock, Mrs. J. T. Owens, Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, Mrs. H. Barber, Mrs. I. A. Buckingham.. ..	27	21	9		12			3	691
Decatur	F. O. Riggs	{ REV. D. D. HOLMES, Miss E. F. Holmes							2	1	27
Diamond Grove	Emma F. Holmes	{ REV. HORACE W. TILDEN, F. M. Coard, Miss Nellie Holmes, Miss Elizabeth Rawlings, Thomas H. Barrett..	8	15	1		26	7	9	3	404
Jacksonville	W. B. Pearson	{ REV. J. P. ALEXANDER, H. G. Campcell, Daniel Sturgis, Mrs. Lucy Greer	3				3			1	60
Loami.....	H. G. Campbell.....	{ REV. JOS. B. ROGERS, Rev. Joseph Thomas Rev. J. A. Car- wife, Mrs. A. J. Combs, Miss Rosella Thomas	21	9		2	10		10	6	297
Moawequa.....	Rosella Thomas.....	{ REV. J. T. BROWN, R. N. Perrings, D. W. Jones, Martha Pratt	1	3	1		6		10	1	56
Morrisonville	Frank Barnett	{ REV. G. W. CLAXON, Rev. E. M. Brown, C. P. Rainey and wife, Mrs. Harriet Brunger, Miss Emma F. Malone, Miss Isabel Malone.....		1			3			1	86
Oreana	C. P. Rainey.....	{ Mrs. Dora Short.....		15							
Pana.....	O. C. King	{ REV. J. T. SPILMAN, Miss Iola Spilman	1	7	1		2		61	1	200
Shelbyville	Walter C. Headen	{ REV. J. J. MIDKIFF, J. L. Sanders, Miss Lillian A. Chapman.	20	3					1	2	219
Stonington	Andrew Chapman	{ REV. J. R. STROUD.....		4					2		157
New Stonington.....	J. A. Holliday.....	{ REV. J. C. GREENWOOD, Mrs. Frank Brewer	24	13	2		11			3	411
Taylorville.	W. E. Peabody.....	{ REV. J. T. BROWN, John Sloman. Mrs. John Sloman, C. H. Clower, Mrs. Laura J. Kelly	2	5			5			1	65
Zenobia.....	W. F. Rich, Morrisonville..	{ Mrs. C. A. Stokes, Mrs. C. Sharp.....	11	5	22						51
Edinburg Mission.....	John E. George.....										
Totals .....	.....		151	120	40	10	120	13	95	41	4,044

Pastors in SMALL CAPITALS; ordained Ministers in *Italics*.

TABLE OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND GENERAL STATISTICS.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.										CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS.											
NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	SUPERINTEN- ENTS.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars	Average Attendance	Scholars Baptized	Contributions for Missions	S. S. Expenses	Amount of Money Raised	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Bible and Publication Society	Ministerial Education	Woman's Bands and Circles.		Baptist Ministers' Home	Miscellaneous..	Church Expenses	Church Property	Minutes	
														Woman's Foreign Mis. Soc.	Woman's Home Mis. Soc.						
Assumption.....	S. E. Cushing.....	9	80	59	12	\$4 60	\$26 55	\$32 12	.....	.....	\$10 00	.....	.....	.....	\$13 50	\$5 10	.....	\$16 69	\$625	\$4,500	\$2 00
New Berlin.....	Wilson Mitchel..	14	75	50	12	.....	.....	26 01	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	4,500	80
Second Bethel....	W. W. Burt.....	6	48	30	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Central, Spring'd ..	J. O. Rames, Jr..	34	233	208	14	.....	1 92	.....	172 23	61 43	97 94	32 58	29 80	32 57	28 00	.....	392 00	3,775	40,000	8 00	
Central, N. Mis.	John Pennington	18	85	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,000	.....	.....
Central, S. Mis.	No Sund'y School	13	100	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	2 00	2 25	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,000	.....	.....
Chatham	E. A. Gastman..	54	414	282	2	18 29	.....	218 17	80 00	52 25	15 00	.....	7 00	50 00	.....	.....	479 00	7,876	1,200	55	
Decatur	J. E. Saxton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	47,000	5 00	.....
Decatur, E. P. M.	No Sund'y School	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,000	1 00	.....
Diamond Grove ..	F. H. Thomas ..	37	250	170	3	5 94	131 70	127 08	50 78	37 23	31 85	22 83	34 31	25 00	.....	.....	46 09	2,647	20,000	5 00	.....
Jacksonville.....	Silas Brewer.....	10	50	35	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,500	1,500	1 25
Loami	A. J. Combs	21	155	140	10	12 67	125 00	200 01	26 60	10 00	15 00	.....	14 25	18 00	18 00	.....	30 00	1,500	8,000	3 00	.....
Moawequa.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Moawequa, W. M's ..	J. M. Storm.....	7	65	50	.....	.....	.....	5 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Morrisonville.....	Mrs. H. C. Bower	12	92	57	.....	.....	43 61	49 47	8 00	8 00	8 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	550	4,000	1 00	.....
Oreana	O. C. King.....	13	36	26	.....	5 66	48 76	.....	5 28	10 31	5 23	.....	5 00	8 60	8 60	.....	.....	376	1,800	2 00	.....
Pana	C. E. Bollinger ..	10	65	40	.....	1 75	70 00	70 00	35 41	26 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,000	7,000	1 00	.....
Shelbyville.....	And, w Chapman	12	100	74	.....	7 16	93 56	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19 50	10 00	14 00	.....	95 00	675	5,000	2 00	.....
Stonington	W. T. Bridges ..	10	65	35	13	.....	30 00	.....	62 25	10 00	100 00	.....	.....	10 42	20 00	.....	.....	825	3,500	2 00	.....
New Stonington ..	C. M. Parker	36	30	.....	.....	.....	12 75	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	225	3,000	40	.....
Taylorville.....	W. F. Rich.....	20	190	123	22	11 00	72 85	80 00	4 00	15 00	.....	.....	.....	88 38	.....	.....	.....	2,100	10,000	3 00	.....
Zenobia.....	R. A. Blake, Gr. Cy	10	70	50	1	1 00	21 30	27 64	10 73	11 60	.....	6 28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	230	1,800	1 00	.....
Edinburg Mission	.....	16	90	50	8	1 00	40 30	38 15	.....	.....	1 00	1 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	47 00	148	2,500	1 00	.....
Totals.. .....	.....	360	2293	1629	88	\$59 00	\$718 30	\$898 70	\$497 37	\$244 22	\$286 27	\$70 50	\$109 86	\$256 50	\$93 70	\$18 75	\$1,128	\$21,602	\$177,300	\$40 00	.....

NOTE:—An offering was made at the Association in aid of the Baptist Minister's Aid Society of \$18.75, not embraced in the above table, \$5.00 of which was from the Zenobia church.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be called **THE SPRINGFIELD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**, and shall be composed of such Baptist Churches, as enjoy the fellowship of their sister churches, of the Baptist denomination. The object of this Association is to promote the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ, at home and abroad, and by correspondence and co-operation with other Associations and Missionary organizations connected with the Baptist denomination strive to upbuild the Redeemer's Kingdom among men.

ART. II. Every church composed of a less number than twenty shall be entitled to two messengers, and an additional messenger for every twenty members.

ART. III. This Association shall meet annually on the first Wednesday in September, at 10 o'clock a. m., commence its session with public worship and continue in session two days.

ART. IV. A Moderator and a Clerk shall be chosen by ballot at each session of to Association, who will continue in office until others are elected to supply their places. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside, and lead in all transactions of the Association, and to see that due order and decorum are observed by all the members. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to make a full and impartial record of all the doings of the Association during the session, and furnish a correct copy of the same for publication. Three Trustees shall be chosen by ballot, who shall manage and control and hold in trust all such funds as may have been, or may hereafter be bequeathed to the Springfield Baptist Association, according to the provision of such bequests. Said Trustees, at the first election, shall be elected to serve for three years, after which time, one of said Trustees shall be elected to serve for one year, one for two years and one for three years, and thereafter **only one** shall be elected annually, to serve for three years, except to fill a vacancy.

ART. V. A Treasurer shall be chosen every year, whose duty it shall be to receive and safely keep all the monies belonging to this body, and pay them out only as directed by this body (unless otherwise specified by the donor,) and transmit to his successor in office the books, together with the monies remaining in his hands, at the expiration of his term of office.

ART. VI. Each church represented shall send with its Messengers, a letter, giving an account of its progress during the past year; its additions, diminutions, and whole number; what it is doing for the cause of Christ at home and abroad; and in short, whatever relates to its prosperity and peace as a church of Jesus Christ.

Each church is expected to contribute and forward money for the the printing of Minutes, the amount to equal one and a half cents per member, of such church.

ART. VII. Any church wishing to unite with this Association, applying by letter and delegates, may be received by giving satisfactory information that it is sound in doctrine and correct in in practice, on the reception of which the Moderator shall give one of its delegates the right hand of fellowship on behalf of the body.

ART. VIII. When a church shall neglect to make any communication with this Association for three years in succession, it may be dropped from the Minutes, unless its continuance is requested by at least two members, who shall engage to inquire into its condition, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ART. IX. The Association can exercise no authority or jurisdiction over the churches, each one of which is an independent body; nevertheless, the Association shall have the power to refuse any church a seat in this body which shall prove unworthy of its fellowship.

ART. X. The Association shall have power to hold correspondence with other Associations as may be expedient.

ART. XI. This Constitution may be amended at any Annual Meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, provided notice shall have been given of the proposed amendment at a previous Annual Meeting.

BY-LAWS.

1. Every meeting of the Association shall be closed with prayer.
2. No question shall be discussed until it is regularly moved and seconded.
3. No member of the Association shall speak on any question more than twice nor more than ten minutes, without special leave of the Moderator.
4. Every member speaking shall address himself to the Moderator; shall avoid all improper personalities, and shall confine himself to the question before the Association.
5. Ministers, and others, invited to take a seat with us, may take part in discussing all questions, but vote on none.
6. No member shall leave the Association without leave of the Moderator.
7. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to appoint all Committees, unless it be otherwise ordered at the time.
8. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and it shall be put without debate.
9. These Rules shall be read at the opening of every Annual Meeting of the Association.

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REV. T. H. MARSH.

DR. A. L. CONVERSE.

REV. S. H. BOWYER

MARK SLOMAN.

C. P. RAINEY.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

REV. H. L. WINBURNE.

DEA. J. E. SAXTON.

H. C. BOWER

COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM:

REV. JOS. B. ROGERS.

NORMAN COUGHLIN.

REV. J. J. MIDKIFF.

MINISTERS WITH THEIR POST-OFFICE ADDRESSES:

BOWYER, S. H.....	Decatur	MOORE, L. C.....	Oreana
BROWN, J. T.....	Morrisonville	MYERS, J. W. lic.....	Stonington
BROWN, E. M.....	Oreana	MILFORD, G. E.....	Stonington
CARWILE, JAMES S., lic	Moawequa	PRIMM, J. W.	Springfield
CHAPIN, W. J.....	Chatham	ROGERS, E. B.	Springfield
CLAXON, G. W.	Assumption	ROGERS, JOS. B.....	Moawequa
GOFF, M. L.....	Shelbyville	SCOTT, A. H.	Springfield
HOLMES, D. D.....	Jacksonville	THOMAS, JOSEPH.....	Moawequa
JORDAN, H. F..	Pana	TITTERINGTON, J. M.....	Springfield
MIDKIFF, J J.....	Stonington	WALKER, EDWIN S.	Springfield
MARSH, T. H..	Jacksonville	WINBURNE, H. L.....	Taylorville

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MINUTES
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1900.

The Springfield Baptist Association met with the Stonington Baptist Church on Wednesday, September 5, 1900.

At 10 o'clock a. m., the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. J. J. Midkiff, of Stonington.

The rules of the Association were read by Rev. T. H. Marsh, of Jacksonville.

The services commenced with the reading of Scripture and prayer.

The Moderator invited visiting brethren from other Associations and Missionary organizations to seats with us in the Association.

The following named responded to the invitation: Rev. C. F. Tolman, of the American Baptist Missionary Union, Chicago; Rev. E. P. Brande, Superintendent of Missions, Illinois Baptist General Association, Normal, Illinois; Miss Ellen M. Sprague, Vice-President for Illinois, of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society, 350 Marshfield Avenue, Chicago; Rev. E. A. Stone, of the Baptist Sunday School Commission, Chicago; Miss E. M. Boynton, of Chicago, representing the Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of the West; Mrs. E. G. Wheeler, of the American Baptist Home Mission Society; Rev. E. S. Graham, Hannibal, Mo.; Rev. H. C. First, of Upper Alton; Rev. Simeon Hussey, Upper Alton.

The Moderator appointed:

Committee on Nomination of Officers and Trustee—Rev. T. H. Marsh, Rev. G. W. Claxon, Bro. Wm. E. Peabody.

Committee on Enrollment—Rev. G. E. Milford, Bro. O. E. Briggs, Rev. L. C. Moore.

At 10:30 o'clock, the time appointed for the preaching the Introductory Sermon having arrived, Rev. J. B. Rogers, of Mowequa, preached from the text, Judges, 7th Chapter, 21st verse:

"And they stood Every Man in his place round about the Camp."

At 11:30 o'clock a recess was taken for 10 minutes.

At 11:40 o'clock, report of the Committee on Nomination of Officers and Trustee was made, recommending the following:

Moderator—REV. J. J. MIDKIFF.

Clerk—REV. EDWIN S. WALKER.

Treasurer—W. S. BARBER.

Trustee—For three years. EDWARD D. KEYS.

On motion of Rev. S. H. Bowyer, it was ordered that the ballot of the Association be cast for the officers named in the report, and it was so cast, and they were declared duly elected.

On motion of Rev. Geo. L. Talbot, the printed program was adopted, subject to such changes as might be necessary during the meeting of the Association.

At 11:50 o'clock, the letter of the Stonington Church was read, extending a cordial greeting to the Association, when the further reading of Church letters was postponed until the Afternoon Session.

The Church Committee on Entertainment requested all Messengers and visiting brethren to report immediately for assignment to places during the meetings.

At 12 o'clock the Association adjourned, with prayer.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association convened at 1:30 o'clock.

Devotional and Song Service for 20 minutes, led by Rev. Geo. L. Talbot, of Edinburg.

At 1:50 o'clock, the Church Letters were read in order, the Clerk being assisted in this service by Brother Norman Coughlin, of Springfield.

The several Churches of the Association, in their reports, expressed continued interest, and some of them substantial growth in numbers, and increased contributions to Benevolent and Missionary enterprises of our Denomination.

At 2:30 o'clock the Moderator appointed the following Committees for the Session:

Committee on Home and Foreign Missions—Rev. E. B. Rogers, Mrs. E. G. Wheeler, Bro. W. H. Douglass.

Committee on B. Y. P. Union Societies—Rev. J. B. Rogers, Miss Emma L. Malone, Rev. J. W. Beville.

Committee on Resolutions—Rev. T. H. Marsh, Rev. G. E. Milford, Rev. J. B. Rogers.

Committee on Next Session—Rev. Edwin S. Walker, Rev. G. W. Claxon,

At 3 o'clock, Rev. S. H. Bowyer preached a Sermon, most timely and appropriate to the Association.

At 3:30 o'clock, Rev. E. P. Brande, Superintendent of State Missions, spoke for ten minutes upon the importance, the difficulties of this field of missionary operations, and its present outlook.

At 3:45 o'clock, Rev. E. A. Stone spoke upon the Sunday School Work.

At 4 o'clock, Mrs E. G. Wheeler, representing the American Baptist Home Mission Society, gave an interesting address upon the enlarging field of the Society, and especially, as related to Cuba and Porto Rico.

At 4:30 o'clock, Rev Simeon Hussey, of Upper Alton, presented the claims of Shurtleff College, upon the increased benevolence and support of Baptists, at the present important period of its history.

Mr. C. N. Sofasburg, a student of the College, also spoke in its behalf.

After announcements by the Moderator, the Association adjourned at 5 o'clock, with prayer.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION.

Association convened at 7:30 o'clock.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Association.

NINETEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

At 7:30 o'clock, the President of the Society, Mrs. E. B. Rogers, called the meeting to order.

Song—"He Leadeth Me."

Prayer, by Mrs. S. B. Titterington.

Reading of Scriptures by the President.

Minutes of last meeting were read by Mrs. W. H. Taylor, Secretary pro tem, and approved.

A Nominating Committee of three, Mrs. Summers, Mrs. Sharp and Mrs. Bower, was appointed, to report later.

After a brief Address of Welcome by Mrs. Mary E. Duncan, of Stonington, Miss Ella M. Boynton, of Chicago, spoke in behalf of the Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of the West, and especially of the present needs of China, to the interest of all present.

Miss Ellen M. Sprague, of Chicago, represented the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society, speaking for 20 minutes upon "The Work and the Workers;" Mrs. W. H. Taylor, of Springfield, spoke of a "Successful Mission Circle, and Individual Work through the Circle."

Rev. C. F. Tolman was allowed 20 minutes in which to represent the work of the American Baptist Missionary Union. He spoke of the present condition of China to the deep interest of all present, and was greeted with a hearty welcome once more, to our Association.

A collection, amounting to \$7.70, was taken, which was equally divided between the two Women's Societies.

The Committee on Nominations reported the following:

President—Mrs. E. B. Rogers.

Secretary—Mrs. W. H. Taylor, of Springfield.

The report was received, and, on motion, Mrs. Summers was instructed to cast the ballot of the Society for the persons named. The ballot was so cast, and they were declared duly elected.

The meeting closed with prayer, by Miss Ellen M. Sprague, and at 9:30 o'clock, the Association adjourned.

MRS. W. H. TAYLOR,
Secretary.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

Association met at 8:30 o'clock, Devotional and Song Service was conducted by Rev. George S. Talbot. At 9 o'clock business was resumed with the Moderator in the chair. The letters from the Taylorville and Shelbyville Churches were read, having been delayed on yesterday.

The First Baptist Church of Pleasant Plains, through two delegates, Bro. Milton Dunkel, and J. T. Dunkel, presented a letter setting forth its organization with 45 members on the 16th of June, 1900, and asked to be admitted to the Association.

The communication was referred to a committee, with Rev. E. S. Walker, as Chairman, who, upon examination of the Articles of Faith adopted by the Church, recommended that it be received as a member of the Association, and the report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION.

Your Committee on the Work of the B. Y. P. Union, in the Springfield Association, beg leave to report the following:

We, your Committee on B. Y. P. U. work, beg leave to report as follows:

We congratulate the Societies and the Churches, on the good work of the past year and recognize the growing importance of the young people's movement. We would recommend:

1. Deeper personal consecration.
2. More aggressive service along all lines.
3. That each Society, in connection with the pastor and home school, organize at least one Mission Sunday School during this year, and thus double the number of Baptist Sunday Schools in the Association.
4. That Churches having no B. Y. P. U., organize one at the earliest time possible.
5. That quarterly, instead of semi-annual, Rallies be held each year, and that the first be a joint Rally between the B. Y. P. U. and the Sunday Schools.
6. That the young people attend the full session of the District and State Association, and that the pastors attend the full session of the District and State B. Y. P. U. Rallies.
7. That all Unions enter with enthusiasm upon the Christian Culture Courses.

J. B. ROGERS,
EMMA L. MALONE,
J. W. BEVILLE,

Committee.

At 10 o'clock, business was suspended, and the following services were in order:

Reading of Scriptures, Romans 10, and prayer, by Rev. J. T. Brown.

Solo, by Mrs. R. T. Roseberry, of Springfield.

"Gently Lord, O gently lead us,
Through this vale of tears,
Through the changes thous't decreed us,
Till the last great change appears."

Doctrinal Sermon, by Rev. E. B. Rogers, from the text Isaiah 12:2: "Behold God is my Salvation."

At the close of the sermon, at 10:55 o'clock, a. m., offering was made in behalf of the "Baptist Ministers' Aid Society," to the amount of \$24.20, including a special offering from the Zenobia Church.

The motion of Rev. E. B. Rogers, the Clerk of the Association, was requested to forward the money to the Secretary of the Society, Rev. J. S. Boyden, and accompany the offering by a letter of sympathy from the Churches of this Association, addressed to our aged brethren, at the Home in Fenton, Michigan.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

1. The Trustees of this Association respectfully report that the Strawbridge Annual Sermon was preached by Rev. J. C. Greenwood, in the Central Baptist Church, in Springfield, on the second Sunday in October, 1899.

2. That the annual interest due on the Strawbridge Fund of \$1,000, invested at six per cent., \$60.00, was collected on the 11th day of February, 1900, and has been paid into the Treasury of the Association.

3. That we recommend that Rev. J. J. Midkiff, of Stonington, be appointed to preach the Strawbridge Annual Sermon on the second Sunday in October, 1901.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN S. WALKER,
EDWARD D. KEYS,
J. O. HUMPHREY.

Trustees.

Adopted.

The report of the Treasurer was read, and approved, and ordered printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Springfield Baptist Association,

In account with W. S. Barber, Treasurer.

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Sept. 1, 1899	By balance from Report of 1899	\$61 30	
Sept. 6, 1899	By cash received from Churches for Minutes.	40 00	
Sept. 4, 1900	By cash received of Trustees, interest on Strawbridge Fund	60 00	
	Total amount received		\$161 00
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Sept. 8, 1899	To cash paid for Program.....	\$3 25	
" 8, "	To cash paid PROF. SHAILER MATHEWS. of Chicago University for expenses for lecture	10 50	
Oct. 1, 1899	To cash paid Talbott & Hamann, for printing 1000 copies of Minutes.....	36 00	
" "	To cash paid express and postage on Minutes.....	4 25	
" "	To cash for postage on correspondence.....	1 00	
Oct., 1899	To cash paid REV. J. C. GREENWOOD for preaching STRAWBRIDGE ANNUAL SERMON.....	25 00	
Oct., 1899	To cash paid REV. E. S. WALKER, for services as Clerk.....	20 00	
August, 1900	To cash paid for blank Church Letters for 1900, and postage	1 00	
	Balance cash on hand	60 00	
Sept. 5, 1900	Total.....		\$161 00

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. BARBER, *Treasurer.*

Rev. S. H. Bowyer moved that the sum of \$20 be paid the Clerk for his services in preparing the Minutes for publication, and distributing them to the churches. The motion was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMIMTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following report, which was adopted by unanimous vote of the Association:

1. *Resolved*, That we reco mmend the churches of this Association give their pastors necessary leave of absence, for the express purpose of holding special meetings at destitute points within their reach.
2. *Resolved*, That we recommend to our churches, who have not already done so, to adopt the "Wheel Plan" of offerings.
3. *Resolved*, That, believing that Baptist Doctrines are Bible Doctrines, we urge our pastors the more frequent preaching of Doctrinal Sermons; wherein our distinctive Baptist principles shall be plainly set forth.
4. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this body that it would be to the best interest of our churches, and to the more rapid extension of Baptist principles, to district our Association.

5. *Resolved*, That as an Association, we take measures, during this session for the adoption of a plan for District Mission Work, within the bounds of this Association, and that we ask each Church to contribute to the support of the same.

6. *Resolved*, That the Baptist 'Orphans' Home at Auburn Park, is worthy of our sympathy and support.

7. *Resolved*, That this body extend to the pastor, and members of Old Stonington Church, our sincere thanks for their unbounded hospitality, and their Christian fellowship shown to us, during this session.

T. HARLEY MARSH,
Chairman.

At 12 o'clock the Association adjourned with prayer.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met at 1:30 o'clock.

Devotional Services were led by Rev. J. W. Beville.

At 2:15 o'clock, business was resumed, with the Moderator in the chair.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

In the absence of a formal report, by the Standing Committee on Sunday Schools, the motion was made that the Association reaffirm the report of last year, to-wit:

We recommend that each Sunday School in the Association give its support to the Baptist State Sunday School work by an offering and send the same to H. R. Clissold, Chicago.

We further recommend, that each Sunday School use Baptist literature, Lesson Helpers and Papers. We urge every church, each year to have a Sunday School Rally and revival work by Institute and Convention.

The motion was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

At 2:30 o'clock, Rev. S. H. Bowyer, in behalf of the Committee on Home and Foreign Missions, presented the following:

Your Committee beg leave to report the following:

We desire to recommend most heartily to all the churches of the Association, our three great Missionary Societies, together with such other special Missionary work as we ought to do.

We are glad to report an increase in our offerings over last year to the amount of over \$460.00, and an increase in membership of over one hundred, as the statistics will show.

Your Committee would recommend more aggressive Sunday School work. While we do not in any sense disparage union work, we would insist upon true loyalty to our distinctive Baptist principles in our Sunday Schools.

Your Committee would also recommend to the Association the adoption of some method whereby some special Associational Missionary work may be done; but that such work shall not diminish our offerings for regular State Missions. They would further suggest that special opportunity is now being afforded to do "Home Mission" work in the new field of our new possessions; and with the coming opportunity, comes also new responsibility.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. BOWYER,

The report was adopted.

Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEXT SESSION.

The Committee on Next Session recommend that the next Annual meeting be held with the Jacksonville Church, commencing on the first Wednesday in September, 1901, and that Rev. H. L. Winburne be appointed to preach the Annual Sermon.

On motion of Rev. T. H. Marsh, the following recommendations were adopted:

Our regular Standing Committee on Home and Foreign Missions, together with two additional members to be appointed by the Moderator, shall constitute our Mission Board, and have charge of the prosecution of Mission work within the bounds of this Association.

The Moderator appointed as such additional members, Bro. Mark Sloan, of Zenobia, and Bro. C. P. Rainey, of Oreana.

After consultation, the Mission Board reported as follows as to work proposed:

"We shall endeavor to secure the services of a good Missionary, and keep him in the field as long as possible. To provide for the payment for his services, we ask the churches of the Association to contribute the sum of \$150.

T. H. MARSH,
Chairman of the Board.

Rev. S. H. Bowyer was, on motion, appointed member of the Board of the Illinois Baptist General Association.

At 3:20 o'clock, Mrs. S. B. Titterington, of Springfield, was accorded 30 minutes for an address upon Junior Endeavor Sunday School work. It is but due to say that, not only were the children of the Old Stonington Sunday School, who were present as subjects for instruction, but every member of the audience was charmed by this address. By the use of a common magnet, a piece of gold, a piece of copper, together with iron nails of various sizes, and small iron tacks, some bright and new, some old and rusty, she illustrated the attractive and saving power of the Holy Spirit in drawing sinners to Christ and transferring them into God's Kingdom. It was an object lesson, beautiful in its simplicity, and one never to be forgotten. It is to be hoped that this method of Junior Endeavor work may be taken up in all our Sunday Schools. No College Professor ever illustrated a subject in natural science, more charmingly, or effectively, than did Mrs. Titterington, this Gospel lesson, with her magnet.

The following recommendation was, on motion, adopted:

"We recommend, to the point of urging, the taking by each church in the Association of an annual offering for the 'Baptist Ministers' Aid Society,' with its home at Fenton, Mich."

At 4 o'clock, the business of the session having been completed, the Association adjourned.

J. J. MIDKIFF,
Moderator.

EDWIN S. WALKER,
Clerk.

THE
BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION
OF THE
SPRINGFIELD ASSOCIATION.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Rev. Joseph B. Rogers, of Moawequa.

At 7 o'clock the meeting was opened by a Praise and Prayer Service, led by Rev. S. H. Bowyer, of Decatur.

Greetings were received from thirteen out of the fifteen societies.

Nominating Committee was appointed as follows:

Rev. L. C. Moore, Latham; Miss Clara Primm, Springfield; Miss Lois Clarke, Pana; Miss Victoria Cannon, Jacksonville; Miss Nell Michl, Decatur.

Duet, "Must I Go and Empty-handed," by Mrs. Roseberry, of Springfield, and Miss Emma Duncan, of Whitehall.

Nominating Committee reported, recommending the re-election of the old officers, and by vote, they were declared duly elected, viz:

President—REV JOS. B. ROGERS, of Moawequa.

Vice-President—NORMAN COUGHLIN, of Springfield.

Secretary and Treasurer—EMMA L. MALONE, of Oreana.

Junior Superintendent—MRS. S. B. TITTERINGTON, of Rochester.

Rev. H. L. Winburne, of Taylorville, delivered a very interesting and practical address, appealing to the Baptists for more loyalty to their distinctive principles.

Following this was a Duet by Miss Emma Duncan and Mrs. Combs, "And Shall I See Him Face to Face," as a fitting close to a most interesting service.

Rev. T. H. Marsh, of Jacksonville, delivered a stirring and eloquent address upon "Wandering Stars." Jude 13.

The announcement was made that the B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School of the Association would hold joint Rallies quarterly the coming year.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. J. J. Midkiff.

EMMA L. MALONE, *Secretary.*

IN MEMORIAM.

ASSUMPTION.

Sister Susan E. Cushing, a charter member.

CHATHAM.

Sister Annie Lenhart, January, 1900.

SPRINGFIELD

Three members have died.

DECATUR.

Elizabeth Wessel, who had been a member 56 years; Mrs. Arizona A. Bills, 39 years a member; Mrs. Ellen W. Freeman, Mrs. Owen Scott, John W. Clayburn, Deacon Thomas Hays.

DIAMOND GROVE.

One member has died.

JACKSONVILLE.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hocking-Burridge, a member for 46 years, September 22, 1899; Miss Lena Austin, October 12, 1899; Miss Ruth Justice, a member 43 years, October 24, 1899; Monroe House, December 5, 1899; Mrs. Elizabeth Vickery, a member for 42 years, January 5, 1900; Mrs. W. D. Anderson, a member for 23 years, February 10, 1900.

MOAWEQUA.

Four members have died.

SHELBYVILLE.

One member has died.

STONINGTON.

Rev. C. T. Chapman; he was a very useful member—both of the church and of the community—truly a man of God; Bro. E. S. Peabody, was one of the charter members of the church and served as its first clerk, July, 1900; Mrs. Julia Briggs, an earnest worker in the church, July, 1900.

TAYLORVILLE.

Four members have died.

THE WHEEL PLAN FOR BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

This diagram illustrates the Plan adopted by many Churches, for taking offerings, for the various Missionary and Benevolent organizations of the Baptist denomination. It is hoped that it may be adopted in all the Churches of the Springfield Association. The Secretaries of the several societies, will, upon application, furnish all further needed explanation of the plan.

Sept. Oct., Nov. Dec., Jan. Feb., Mar. Apr., May. June.

<i>1st Dist.</i>	<i>State Missions</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Foreign Missions</i>	<i>Publication Society</i>	<i>Home Missions</i>
<i>2nd Dist.</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Foreign Missions</i>	<i>Publication Society</i>	<i>Home Missions</i>	<i>State Missions</i>
<i>3rd Dist.</i>	<i>Foreign Missions</i>	<i>Publication Society</i>	<i>Home Missions</i>	<i>State Missions</i>	<i>Education</i>
<i>4th Dist.</i>	<i>Publication Society</i>	<i>Home Missions</i>	<i>State Missions</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Foreign Missions</i>
<i>5th Dist.</i>	<i>Home Missions</i>	<i>State Missions</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Foreign Missions</i>	<i>Publication Society</i>

ABSTRACT OF LETTERS.

ASSUMPTION.—We are glad to greet you again in the Association by letter and messengers. Our pastor, G. E. Milford, closed work with us in October, 1899. In March last Rev. G. W. Claxon began pastoral work, and has proved a blessing to the church. Our Sunday school, under the efficient leadership of Bro. S. E. Cushing, is doing work. We suspended our B. Y. P. U. during the warmer months, to begin work October 1. The Junior Union is doing good work, with Mrs. G. W. Claxon as leader. We have had twelve additions to our church and one loss by death—that of Sister Susan E. Cushing, one of the charter members, and a consistent Christian.

SECOND BETHEL.—Since we last greeted you by letter we have had a two weeks meeting, conducted by Rev. M. J. Hart, but with no manifest results. Rev. A. J. Amerman preached for us the third Sunday in each month since May. We are weak financially and have no preaching at present.

CHATHAM.—We still meet in our Sabbath Home, and listen to the Gospel as it falls from the lips of our dear old pastor, Rev. W. J. Chapin, who has been with us so many years. We had no preaching during the winter months, but he has preached regularly since early spring. Our congregations are good and attentive. We trust the seed that is being sown, will, in God's own good time, bring forth fruit to his glory. We have been able to do very little to sustain the Gospel among us, yet we have done what we could to hold forth the word of life in our midst. Half of our members are non-resident, and yet we get no help from them. Only twelve resident members,

SPRINGFIELD.—There have been no special revival efforts in our church the past year, but there have been conversions and members have been added. Our pastor, Rev. E. B. Rogers, is just entering upon the ninth year of his work with us and is now preparing to marshal our forces for an aggressive, religious campaign. Special efforts are to be made through the weekly prayer meetings, for the spiritual development, and advancement of the membership of the church. Some notable progress has been made in the missionary work of the church, the good results of which are largely due to the efforts of the Woman's Missionary Society, and the Young People's organizations. The Bible Schools, at the Central Church, and the two Missions, under the superintendency of W. W. Burt, Albert W. Hillier and John Pennington, are efficiently organized, and are doing good work.

DECATUR.—In our letter last year we suggested that the indications were good for better work the ensuing year. That prediction has been verified. Bro. Bowyer is still our pastor, and you know what that means—progress along all lines. The church is a fine working body, harmonious, hopeful, helpful. We feel that the Lord is using us for much good, and that He yet has much for us to do. The societies of the church are in a flourishing condition. The "Silent Reaper" has been among us and removed six of our members.

DIAMOND GROVE.—We are happy to be numbered among those who have a name and place in the service of the Lord Jesus. We held a series of Gospel meetings for several days, beginning October 13, having the service of Rev. H. P. Curry, of Petersburg, whose sermons were full of power. Since January, 1900, he has visited us once a month, greatly assisting our pastor and the church in trying to strengthen the walls of this Zion. We are encouraged to labor, confident that Jesus knows our need, and is near to help us. We ask for a season of united prayer in your session for Diamond Grove Baptist Church.

JACKSONVILLE.—Immediately after our letter of last year our pastor, Dr. Tilden, resigned, and on October 15, preached his last sermon to us. From that time until the coming of Rev. Marsh, our pastor was filled by supplies. In January we extended a call to Rev. T. Harley Marsh, of Carlinville, Ill., which call he accepted and on March 11, 1900, entered upon his pastorate. His earnest, plain, clear-cut sermons, his never-tiring interest in the welfare of the church, and his constant effort to increase the efficiency of every department of our church, are abundant evidence of his faith, and his loyalty of his Master. Our organizations are well sustained and all departments of church work show faithful and earnest effort among the members. Our prayer meetings have been remarkable for attendance and interest. Our Sunday school is moving forward with results that give encouragement to the officers and corps of faithful teachers, as well as to the church. As an evidence of their good work, the pastor has baptized ten from the Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. The church has one mission point in the north part of the city where we sustain a good Sunday school and prayer meeting. The young people have changed their organization from a C. E. to a thorough B. Y. P. U. Six of our members have left us for their Heavenly home. Sept. 22, 1899, Mrs. Elizabeth Hoeking Burrige, a member of this church since April 15, 1854, was wife of Richard, a leading deacon of this church for many years; October 12, Miss Lena Austin, united with this church November 28, 1896; October 24, 1899, Mrs. Ruth Justice, became a member August 2, 1857—one of our faithful members; December 5, 1899, Monroe House, united with this church December 5, 1884; January 25, 1900, Mrs. Elizabeth Vickery, in her 77th year, a member since February 21, 1858; February 10, 1900, Mrs. W. D. Anderson, a member since June 13, 1877.

LOAMI.—This year has been fraught with but little change in our work. We number less than we did one year ago, and have withdrawn the hand of fellowship from a few of our members. Our late pastor, Rev. J. P. Alexander, resigned his charge in January last. His place has been ably filled by Rev. Simeon Hussey, of Upper Alton, since February. The societies of the church are all in a very good condition. The Sunday school makes a good report and shows that the school is being conducted in a manner which makes it a real support to the church. Our covenant and prayer meetings, and Ladies' Aid Society, all are doing good work.

MOAWEQUA.—Since we last met with you the Lord has blest us in many ways. During the year two series of revival meetings have been held. In the month of December our pastor, Rev. Jos. B. Rogers, conducted a meeting which resulted in the addition of about twenty-five members. In March, Bro. Smith, of Canton, Ill., and the pastor, held a revival meeting. At this time thirty were added to the church. During the year the Lord has seen fit to call four of our number to be with Him. Pray for us that we may "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

MORRISONVILLE.—We regret that we have to report our church in poor condition. Have had no church services since the resignation of our pastor, J. T. Brown, June 1, 1900. We still continue our weekly prayer meetings and are wanting to secure a pastor.

OREANA.—Commencing our Associational year under our pastor, Rev. G. W. Claxon, who continued with us until March 10th, a meeting, closing in December, in which there were five additions to the church. Our pastor closed his work with us to accept the pastorate of Assumption Baptist church. In May we called Rev. L. C. Moore as our pastor, in which we are all well pleased. There have been two additions by letter since his ministry began. Have adopted the wheel plan of missions.

PANA.—The first six months of the year we had no pastor, no aggressive work done. Sunday School, Ladies' Aid Society and Prayer Meetings very well attended. Bro. Rodman was with us the last week in October and two weeks in November, and the Master blessed his efforts. We were greatly helped. On February 1, we called Rev. J. W. Beville to the pastorate, and the last six months have been full of blessing and aggressive work. A debt of over \$200.00 has been paid, good offerings for missions, and this outside of the regular church expenses. There have been about seventy added to our number most of them from the Sunday school.

SHELBYVILLE.—We have had no additions to our membership "by experience," during the year now closing. We seem to be suffering from a low state of spiritual life, not limited to us as a church, but a general condition existing in all the churches of all denominations in this city. Our present pastor, Rev. M. L. Goff, has been with us since January 1. He has been a most faithful and devoted pastor since com-

ing to us. It is the belief of the church that our troubles arise from a spirit of indifference towards, and a disposition to neglect, the church and her interests, on the part of a large portion of our membership. We are praying for the dawning of a brighter day.

OLD STONINGTON.—We are glad to greet you in this, another meeting of our Association. It is with gratitude to our Heavenly Father that we call to mind His kind care over us during this year. As a church we have not so favorable a report to make as we desire, yet there are many ways in which we have been blessed abundantly. There have been no additions to the church during the past year. While it has not been a harvest, it has been a seed time and the church is gradually growing through the efforts of a faithful and consecrated membership that remain. We have lost by death three members. The death of Rev. C. T. Chapman was a distinct loss to our church. He was a very useful member, both to the church and community in which he lived, was a strong man intellectually and spiritually and truly a man of God. October 18th the church called Rev. G. E. Milford, of Assumption, who accepted the call and began work on the field October 22. Since that time there has been a gradual growth. The Sunday school is doing good work. The Woman's Circle deserves much credit for work done during the year, having raised \$94.29 for missions. We are glad to have the Association meet with us.

NEW STONINGTON.—We hail with joy, the privilege of meeting you, by letter and messengers, in another Annual Association. For most of the year, we have had no pastor. In December we recalled our former pastor, J. J. Midkiff, who began his work with us April 1, 1900. He gives half time. We have paid off our church debt and repaired to the amount of \$500.00. Join us in our prayers that more and more we may "apprehend that for which we have been apprehended of God in Christ Jesus."

TAYLORVILLE.—As a church we have enjoyed much of the unfailing goodness of God. While without a pastor a part of the time, our Sunday school has been kept up with good interest under the efficient leadership of C. M. Parker, superintendent. The Ladies' Missionary Society have held their monthly meetings with good attendance and much interest. The B. Y. P. U. are working faithfully to maintain their organization, and although the interest shown is not what it should be, they are not discouraged. Four of our number have died. There has been considerable decrease in our membership by letter, but we are hopeful for better things and growth in the future. Rev. H. L. Winburne, late of Tennessee, has been with us but a short time, beginning his pastorate here the second week in June. Much earnest Christian work has been done since his coming among us. The spirituality of the church has become more marked and we feel that under his leadership the church will be able to do a good work for the Master.

ZENOBIA.—The past year has been one of effort and progress. We are reaching out farther than ever before. Families are attending Sunday school and preaching service who have never attended here. The average attendance of our Sunday school has increased, so has also the attendance upon our preaching service. We have had the services of Rev. J. T. Brown one fourth of the time as pastor. Our B. Y. P. U. meetings are fairly well attended. Our expenses have been met and there has been an increase in mission and benevolent contributions.

EDINBURG MISSION.—Another year of our short history has passed. The preceding year was a remarkable one in numerical growth of our little band; the one just ending appears to be one of a transitional nature. Rev. George L. Talbot, of Bloomfield association was recommended to us and an invitation was extended him to visit with a view of settling among us as pastor. The invitation was accepted and a call was extended after supplying the church half time for three months, he entered upon the pastorate October 1, 1899. At this time we were confronted by a debt of some four hundred and fifty dollars which the Mission had flattered itself had been provided for and there would be nothing further expected of them. The attention was directed to the debt as the mortgagee had informed us that a foreclosure would be made if it was not paid. Collections were made, subscriptions taken and moneys raised by the Dorcas society so that two hundred and forty-three dollars has been paid on the note. Relatively speaking our prayer meetings have been more largely attended and interest better than any in the town. The Sunday school has not only maintained its past hopeful record but has gained some numerically. While we have had several accessions by letter, we greatly regret that there have been none by baptism. We have a B. Y. P. U. which holds regular weekly devotional services.

REPORTS OF HOME AND FOREIGN MISSION WORK of the Women's Missionary Societies of
The Springfield Baptist Association

April 1, 1900.

CHURCH MISSION CIRCLES.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.	Female Members Ch'rh	Members Mission So- ciety	Tidings Taken	Helping Hand Taken..	Cssh Contributions to Home Missions..	Value of Work and Goods to Home Mis- sions... ..	Cash Contributions to Foreign Missions....
Berlin	Mrs. P. N. Boynton.....	Mrs. Ella B. Warren	50	3	6	3	\$ 7 00	...	\$6 00
Decatur	Mrs. Walter Hutchins.....	Mrs. Edith D. Bothel	...	35	2	10	30 00	\$50 00	52 73
Jacksonville.....	Mrs. J. P. Brown.....	Miss Mabel Goltra.....	200	21	2	13	32 60	...	46 95
Moawequa	Mrs. J. B. Rogers.....	Miss Roselle N. Thomas	...	12	...	5	43 00	...	44 65
Morrisonville.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 10	...	...
Oreana	Mrs. H. Brunger.....	Mrs. H. C. Bower	...	...	...	2	12 35	...	7 00
Pana.....	Mrs. Harry Ludwick.....	Mrs. Dora Shoult	150	5	...	4	11 43	...	14 30
Pana Mission Band.....	Miss Alta Singer.....	Mrs. Mary Proffitt.....	...	...	...	...	4 44	...	...
Shelbyville	Mrs. Anna Harves.....	Miss Lou Mauxmiller	...	15	...	...	12 75	15 25	11 25
Stonington	Mrs. Mary E. Duncan	Miss Ella Chapman	39	19	2	2	20 00	...	40 87
Springfield	Mrs. E. B. Rogers	Mrs. J. H. Feltham.....	...	23	11	21	57 31	...	51 87
Taylorville	Mrs. I. J. Glass.....	Mrs. D. M. Sharp	196	33	2	19	50 53	...	35 00
Zenobia	...	...	...	...	...	...	5 30	...	...
Totals.....	.....	.....	635	166	36	79	\$267 81	\$65 25	\$310 62

The above figures are from April, 1899, to April, 1900.

Mrs. W. H. TAYLOR, Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT of the Baptist Young People's Societies of the Springfield Baptist Association for
Year ending September 1, 1900.

NAME OF CHURCH.	NAME OF PASTOR.	Name of Society.	NAME OF PRESIDENT.	NAME OF COR. SECRE- TARY.	Date of Regular Election of Officers.	MEMBERS.			No. Copies "Baptist Union" Taken.
						Active.	Associate.	Total.	
Assumption	Rev. G. W. Claxon	B. Y. P. U.	S. E. Cushing	Stala Stutsman	Mar.-Sept.	17	3	20	3
Decatur	Rev. S. H. Bowyer	C. End'v'r	Orville D. Coughlin	L. R. Ellis	Jan.-July	95	4	99	
Edinburg	Rev. Geo. L. Talbot	B. Y. P. U.	Mrs. Geo. L. Talbot	Victoria Cannon	Apr.-Nov.	45		45	
Jacksonville	Rev. T. H. Marsh	"	Charlotte Fox	Lilla Sturgis	Jan.-July				
Loani	"	"	Nell McReynolds	Mrs. B. Long	Jan.-July	15	6	21	
Morrisonville	"	"	Elfa Way	Lula Bruner	Jan.-July	80	17	97	5
Oreana	Rev. Jos. B. Rogers	"	Fred Thomas	Essie Shastid	Jan.-July	13	10	23	7
Pana	Rev. L. C. Moore	"	Emma L. Malone	Inola Carr	Jan.-July	40	5	45	8
Shelbyville	Rev. J. W. Beville	"	Emma Lyman	Stella Stairwalt	Jan.-July	30	5	35	10
Springfield	Rev. M. L. Goff	"	L. E. Fish	Annie Ayers	Mar.-Sept.	72		72	4
C. N. Mission	Rev. E. B. Rogers	C. End'v'r	U. G. Moore		Mar.-Sept.				
C. S. Mission	"	"			Mar.-Sept.				
Taylorville	Rev. H. L. Winburne	B. Y. P. U.	G. W. Zimmerman	Margaret Witherill	Jan.-July	85	4	89	
Zenobia	Rev. J. T. Brown	"	Chas. Clower	M. E. Sloman	Jan.-July			22	10
Totals						492	54	568	47

JUNIOR STATISTICS.

NAME OF CHURCH.	NAME OF PASTOR.	Name of Society.	NAME OF PRESIDENT.	NAME OF COR. SECRE- TARY.	Date of Regular Election of Officers.	MEMBERS.			No. Copies "Baptist Union" Taken.
						Active.	Associate.	Total.	
Assumption	Rev. G. W. Claxon	B. U.	S. E. Cushing	Stala Stutsman	Mar.-Sept.	10	25	35	25
Decatur	Rev. S. H. Bowyer	C. E.	Orville D. Coughlin	L. R. Ellis	Jan.-July	29	61	90	45
Jacksonville	Rev. Geo. L. Talbot	B. U.	Mrs. Geo. L. Talbot	Victoria Cannon	Apr.-Nov.	10	20	30	35
Moawequa	Rev. T. H. Marsh	C. E.	Charlotte Fox	Lilla Sturgis	Jan.-July				90
Springfield	Rev. T. H. Marsh	B. U.	Nell McReynolds	Mrs. B. Long	Jan.-July				70
Taylorville	Rev. T. H. Marsh	B. U.	Elfa Way	Lula Bruner	Jan.-July				30
Totals						44	141	295	

OUR ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS ARE:

President—Rev. Jos. B. Rogers, Moawequa, Ill.
Secretary—Miss Emma L. Malone, Oreana.

Vice-President—NORMAN COUGHLIN, Springfield, Ill.
Junior Leader—Mrs. S. B. TITTERINGTON, Rochester, Ill.

TABLE OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS, AND GENERAL STATISTICS.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS STATISTICS.										CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS.										
NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	SUPERINTEN- DENTS.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars	Average Attendance	Scholars Baptized	Contributions for Missions	S. S. Expenses	Amount of Money Raised	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Bible and Publication Society	Ministerial Education	Woman's Bands and Circles.		Baptist Ministers' Home	Miscellaneous..	Church Expenses	Church Property	Minutes
														Woman's Foreign Mis. Soc.	Woman's Home Mis. Soc.					
Assumption.....	S. E. Cushing.....	10	83	56	1	\$5 30	\$30 31	\$40 32	\$4 38		\$1 00	\$7 47	\$4 21					\$550 14	\$4,500	1 75
New Berlin	Wilson Mitchell ..	14	75	50			3 38												4,500	50
Second Bethel ..	M. Atterberry ..	7	33				182 00	238 36	133 36	75 58	61 65	68 24	25 36		51 87	57 31	\$601 64	3,711	49,000	8 00
Central Spring'd ..	W. W. Burt.....	31	257	207	15	38 61	49 00	78 05											4,000	
Central, N. Mis.	Albert W. Hillier ..	18	85	75															4,000	
Central, S. Mis...	John Pennington ..	13	100	75															1,200	50
Chatham	No S. School						255 00	235 10	2 00	2 00	5 00	2 00					88 60	4,100	47,000	5 00
Decatur	E. A. Gastman....	42	300	249		8 00			70 00	50 00	23 36									
Decatur, E. P. M.	J. E. Saxton	18	168	90		4 00														
Diamond Grove..	No S. School						101 55	118 02	61 00	69 93	27 60	17 25	17 18		49 95	33 00	45 60	2,506	20,000	3 00
Jacksonville.....	Frank H. Thomas ..	29	309	190	9	3 50	7 80	32 50		2 50		13 00				22 20	192	1,500	75	
Loami	Albert Coons	9	41	35		15 00	72 00	209 37		20 40	15 00	3 00			25 00	25 00	151 15	5,000	3 00	
Moawequa	D. A. Adamson ..	19	200	150	36		75 00													
Moawequa, W.M.'s		14	100	55			49 16	43 56	4 30	4 30	1 30	10 50					2 00	450	4,000	1 00
Morrisonville ..	Frank Barnett	11	81	47				41 02	11 32	8 32			3 68				7 75	369 50	2,000	2 00
Oreana	Mrs. H. C. Bower ..	14	45	27	4	9 07		70 00	15 96	28 50	35 10			14 00	9 00			920 00	7,000	50
Pana	O. C. King	10	65	40	39	3 20		47 03	10 00		9 48	11 71		15 25	26 25	12 18	50 00	5,000	1 50	
Shelbyville.....	O. E. Bollinger ..	15	89	61		12 20	26 00	182 40	40 42	24 26	25 96	2 75		40 42	48 67		44 75	780 00	3,500	2 00
Stonington	O. E. Briggs	13	60	50			40 00		9 15	9 15	9 15	3 20					24 50	950 00	3,500	1 00
New Stonington..	I. Irving Owens ..	8	40	35		30 00								35 00	25 00		334 00	1275 00	10,000	3 00
Taylorville.....	C. M. Parker.....	21	234	137	1	14 50	88 15		18 00	6 47	8 75	4 40					29 75	262 75	1,800	1 00
Zenobia	W. F. Rich.....	10	70	55	2		22 30	35 47			2 49						260 00	352 00	2,500	1 00
Edinburg Mission	R. A. Blake.....	16	104	60		1 00	55 37	71 62				2 08								
Pleasant Plains..	T. C. Richardson ..	6		40																1 20
Totals.....		348	2470	1781	98	\$119 38	\$868 07	\$1405 97	\$385 88	\$391 21	\$267 15	\$145 60	\$50 43	\$279 27	\$342 00	\$70 78	\$1,645	\$17,670	\$177,000	\$37 20

NOTE:—An offering was made at the Association in aid of the Baptist Ministers' Aid Society of \$24.20 not embraced in the above table, \$5.00 of which was from the Zenobia church.

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be called **THE SPRINGFIELD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**, and shall be composed of such Baptist Churches, as enjoy the fellowship of their sister churches, of the Baptist denomination. The object of this Association is to promote the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ, at home and abroad, and by correspondence and co-operation with other Associations and Missionary organizations connected with the Baptist denomination strive to upbuild the Redeemer's Kingdom among men.

ART. II. Every church composed of a less number than twenty shall be entitled to two messengers, and an additional messenger for every twenty members.

ART. III. This Association shall meet annually on the first Wednesday in September, at 10 o'clock a. m., commence its session with public worship and continue in session two days.

ART. IV. A Moderator and a Clerk shall be chosen by ballot at each session of to Association, who will continue in office until others are elected to supply their places. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside, and lead in all transactions of the Association, and to see that due order and decorum are observed by all the members. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to make a full and impartial record of all the doings of the Association during the session, and furnish a correct copy of the same for publication. Three Trustees shall be chosen by ballot, who shall manage and control and hold in trust all such funds as may have been, or may hereafter be bequeathed to the Springfield Baptist Association, according to the provision of such bequests. Said Trustees, at the first election, shall be elected to serve for three years, after which time, one of said Trustees shall be elected to serve for one year, one for two years and one for three years, and thereafter **only one** shall be elected annually, to serve for three years, except to fill a vacancy

ART. V. A Treasurer shall be chosen every year, whose duty it shall be to receive and safely keep all the monies belonging to this body, and pay them out only as directed by this body (unless otherwise specified by the donor,) and transmit to his successor in office the books, together with the monies remaining in his hands, at the expiration of his term of office.

ART. VI. Each church represented shall send with its Messengers, a letter, giving an account of its progress during the past year; its additions, diminutions, and whole number; what it is doing for the cause of Christ at home and abroad; and in short, whatever relates to its prosperity and peace as a church of Jesus Christ.

Each church is expected to contribute and forward money for the the printing of Minutes, the amount to equal one and a half cents per member, of such church.

ART. VII. Any church wishing to unite with this Association, applying by letter and delegates, may be received by giving satisfactory information that it is sound in doctrine and correct in in practice, on the reception of which the Moderator shall give one of its delegates the right hand of fellowship on behalf of the body.

ART. VIII. When a church shall neglect to make any communication with this Association for three years in succession, it may be dropped from the Minutes. unless its continuance is requested by at least two members, who shall engage to inquire into its condition, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ART. IX. The Association can exercise no authority or jurisdiction over the churches, each one of which is an independent body; nevertheless, the Association shall have the power to refuse any church a seat in this body which shall prove unworthy of its fellowship.

ART. X. The Association shall have power to hold correspondence with other Associations as may be expedient.

ART. XI. This Constitution may be amended at any Annual Meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, provided notice shall have been given of the proposed amendment at a previous Annual Meeting.

BY-LAWS.

1. Every meeting of the Association shall be closed with prayer.
2. No question shall be discussed until it is regularly moved and seconded.
3. No member of the Association shall speak on any question more than twice nor more than ten minutes, without special leave of the Moderator.
4. Every member speaking shall address himself to the Moderator; shall avoid all improper personalities, and shall confine himself to the question before the Association.
5. Ministers, and others, invited to take a seat with us, may take part in discussing all questions, but vote on none.
6. No member shall leave the Association without leave of the Moderator.
7. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to appoint all Committees, unless it be otherwise ordered at the time.
8. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and it shall be put without debate.
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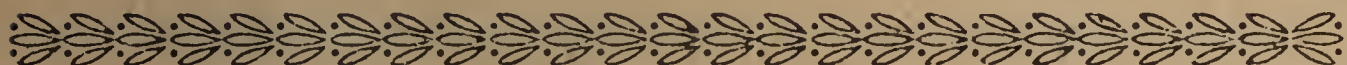
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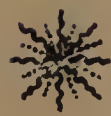
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JACKSONVILLE, ILLINOIS,

SEPTEMBER 4, AND 5, 1901.

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The SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION, will be held with the
Oreana Baptist Church, commencing on the first Wednesday
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REV. L. C. MOORE.

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NEXT ANNUAL MEETING:

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MINUTES

OF THE

SPRINGFIELD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1901.

The Springfield Baptist Association met with the Jacksonville Baptist Church on Wednesday, September 4, 1901.

At 10 o'clock a. m., the Association was called to order by the Moderator, REV. J. J. MIDKIFF, of Stonington.

The rules of the Association were read by Rev. S. H. Bowyer, of Decatur.

After reading of the Scriptures and prayer the Moderator appointed a *Committee on Nomination of Officers and Trustee*, consisting of Rev. D. D. Holmes, Rev. G. W. Claxon and Rev. Joseph B. Rogers.

Committee on Enrollment—Rev. T. H. Marsh, with brethren and sisters of the Jacksonville Church in charge, assisting.

An invitation was then extended by the Moderator to visiting brethren and sisters, representing other Associations, and Missionary organizations, Educational and Benevolent institutions, to seats in the Association.

The following named brethren and sisters were present during the session, and by their presence counsel and addresses added interest to the occasion: Rev. E. W. Lounsbury, District Secretary of the American Baptist Missionary Union, Chicago; Rev. S. C. Fulmer, of Indianapolis, representing the American Baptist Home Mission Society; Rev. E. P. Brand, Superintendent of State Missions, Illinois Baptist General Association, Normal, Ill.; Rev. E. A. Stone, Chicago, representing the American Baptist Publication Society; Rev. E. S. Graham, of Hannibal, Missouri;

Rev. A. J. Young, of the Carrollton Association; Rev. Ransom Harvey, D. D., Professor in Shurtleff College, and Mrs. Harvey, Upper Alton; H. O. King, New Mexico; Rev. F. A. Ford, Jerseyville; W. P. Clarke, Roodhouse; Miss L. Gibson, Waverly; J. E. Reynolds, of Alton; Miss Julia L. Austin, Home Secretary of the "Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of the West," and Miss Jeanette Gedalius, Missionary to the Jews in Chicago.

At 10:45 o'clock the Introductory Sermon was delivered by Rev. S. H. Bowyer, of Decatur, from the text Acts 9th Chapter and 11th verse. Subject,

The Relation of the Christian to His Lord.

At 11:30 the Committee on Nomination of Officers and Trustee reported the following:

Moderator—REV. J. J. MIDKIFF.

Clerk—REV. EDWIN S. WALKER.

Treasurer—W. S. BARBER.

Trustee—For three years, HON. J. OTIS HUMPHREY.

On motion of Rev. J. B. Rogers it was ordered that the ballot of the Association be cast for the persons named in the report; it was so cast and the officers were duly elected.

On motion of Rev. E. S. Walker, the program as presented, was adopted subject to such changes as should be found to be desirable during the meeting of the Association.

At 11:50 o'clock the reading of the Church letters was commenced and continued until the hour for adjournment, when, upon motion, the further reading was postponed until the afternoon session.

At 12 o'clock the Association adjourned.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met at 1:30 o'clock.

Devotional exercises were led by Rev. James Osborn, of Loami, and meditations upon the 126th Psalm.

At 1:50 o'clock the reading of Church letters was resumed and read in order, the Clerk being assisted by Rev. S. H. Bowyer and Rev. Joseph B. Rogers.

At 2:30 o'clock Moderator appointed the following Committees for the session:

Committee on B. Y. P. Union Societies—Rev. T. H. Marsh, Rev. G. W. Claxon and Rosella Thomas.

Committee on Sunday Schools—Rev. H. L. Winburne, Deacon J. E. Saxton.

Committee on Resolutions—Rev. H. L. Winburne, ————.

Committee on Next Session—Rev. George E. Milford, ————.

Committee on Aged Ministers' and Orphans' Homes—Rev. E. B. Rogers, Miss Ella Chapman, and Mrs. C. S. Boynton.

At 2:50 o'clock Rev. A. A. Todd, of Shelbyville, preached a sermon from the text, John 4th Chapter and 4th verse,

"For He must needs go through Samaria."

At 3:15 o'clock Rev. S. C. Fulmer delivered an address upon the work of the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

At 3:50 o'clock Rev. S. H. Bowyer, Chairman of the Committee on Associational Missions, presented a report, which set forth in detail the excellent work accomplished during the year.

After brief discussion of the same, it was adopted and ordered printed.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION WORK.

Your Committee beg leave to make the following report of work done:

Meetings were held with the following Churches:

CHATHAM—Resulting in 9 additions to the Church; a Sunday School organized.

BERLIN—In this meeting there was a number of conversions, the Church was revived and a Pastor settled. Both of these meetings were conducted by Bro. Davis.

LOAMI—This meeting was conducted by Bro. Rodman, resulting in 17 additions to the Church. A pastor settled with the Church.

The Churches contributed to this work as follows:

Loami	\$ 1.75
Morrisonville	3.50
Oreana	3.50
Pana.. .. .	7.00
Taylorville	15.25
Berlin	1.75
Zenobia	1.75
Jacksonville	10.50
Diamond Grove	1.75
Decatur	21.30
Chatham	1.75

INDIVIDUAL SUBSCRIPTION.

Mrs. C. S. Boynton	\$ 5.00
Mrs. Daly	10.00
Total	\$84.80
Amount received from field labor	\$150.67
Grand total	235.47
Total paid to Missionaries	196.74
Balance on hand	\$ 38.73

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. MARSH,
S. H. BOWYER,
A. L. CONVERSE.
Committee.

The report was adopted.

At 4 o'clock Rev. E. P. Brand spoke in the interest of State Missions.

At 4:30 o'clock, after announcements for the evening, the Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. S. C. Fulmer.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION.

Association adjourned at 7:30 o'clock.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Association.

TWENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING.

At 7:30 o'clock the meeting was called to order by the President of the Society, Mrs. E. B. Rogers.

After singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," Rev. E. P. Brand offered prayer. The roll of the Circles of the Association was called and responded to with Scripture references. The minutes were read and approved. A nominating committee composed of Mrs. I. C. Coleman, Jacksonville; Mrs. C. S. Boynton, Berlin, and Mrs. Johnson, Edinburg, was appointed. The Associational Director gave a short report of the work during the year. At the close of his report, the Nominating Committee reported their choice as Mrs. E. B. Rogers, President, Mrs. W. H. Taylor, Secretary, and they were duly elected. The Jacksonville choir gave a selection and Miss Julia L. Austin, of Chicago, was presented to the audience. She spoke for thirty minutes on the work of the W. B. F. M. S. of the West. Mrs. J. P. Brown, of Jacksonville, followed with a beautiful solo, and then we were favored with an address by Miss Jeanette Gedalius, Missionary to the Jews in New York. Her account of her work was of great interest. The annual collection was taken, amounting to \$8.08, which was equally divided between the two Societies represented. Rev. G. W. Smith was given 10 minutes in which to present the work of the Aged Ministers' Home, of Fenton, Mich.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Rev. T. H. Marsh, of Jacksonville.

MRS. W. H. TAYLOR,
Secretary.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

Association met at 8:30 o'clock.

Devotional service was led by Rev. Geo. E. Milford.

At 8:45 o'clock the business of the Association was resumed with the Moderator in the chair.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEXT SESSION.

Rev. Geo. E. Milford, Chairman of the Committee on next Session, reported recommending that the invitation of the Church at Oreana be accepted, and that REV. H. L. WINBURNE be appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. The report was adopted and the next session will be held with the Church in Oreana on the first Wednesday in September, 1902.

At 9 o'clock the Committee on the "Baptist Young People's Union" presented its report through its Chairman, Rev. T. H. Marsh, which, after remarks by Rev. G. W. Claxon, Deacon Sturgis, Sister Titterington and others, was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION.

We, your Committee on the work of the Baptist Young People's Union, beg leave to report as follows:

We desire to express our appreciation for the steady advancement of the work upon all lines, and to commend the labor of our Associational Officers, who have labored so earnestly for the success of the work.

We recommend:

1. A generous offering from every Union, for the liquidation of the debt of our National organization.

2. That especial emphasis be laid upon the educational work for the coming year, and that we urge every pastor in this Association to make every effort to organize and carry on Christian Culture Courses,

3. That we continue our plan of holding quarterly rallies, and that we urge the Union to send representatives to these meetings, even at the expense of the local Union.

4. We believe that the fundamental thought of the Young People movement is not Educational alone, nor Social, but *Evangelistic*.

We therefore, recommend that every Union become a soul-saving or-

ganization, and that each local society take up some special Evangelistic work.

T. H. MARSH,
G. W. CLAXON,
ROSELLA THOMAS.

Committee.

The report was adopted.

At 9:30 o'clock the Report of the Treasurer, as also the Report of the Trustees of the Association, were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Springfield Baptist Association,
In account with W. S. BARBER, Treasurer.

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Sept. 5, 1900	By balance from report of 1800.	\$60 00	
Sept. 6, 1900	By cash received from Churches for Minutes.....	37 20	
Sept. 2, 1901	By cash received from Trustees, interest on Strawbridge Fund one year, to February, 1901	60 00	
Sept. 2, 1901	By cash received from Trustees, interest on Strawbridge for two and " half months to Sept. 1, 1901.....	12 00	
Sept. 5, 1900	By cash collected at Association for Baptist Minister's Aid Society.....	24 20	
Total amount received.....			\$193 40
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Aug. 30, 1900	To cash paid to Geo. R. Bacon & Co. for 600 programs of Association.....	8 27	
Oct. 1, 1900	To cash paid J. G. Boyden, secretary Baptist Ministers' Aid Society.....	24 20	
Oct. 1, 1900	To cash paid Talbott & Hamann for printing 1000 copies of Minutes ..	36 00	
Oct. 1, 1900	To cash paid for express and postage on Minutes.....	4 93	
Oct. 1, 1900	To cash for postage on correspondence.....	1 00	
Oct. 1, 1900	To cash paid REV. JOS. B. ROGERS for preaching STRAW-BRIDGE ANNUAL SERMON.....	25 00	
October, 1900	To cash paid E. S. WALKER for services as clerk.....	20 00	
August, 1901	To cash paid for blank Church Letters and postage.....	1 00	
Sept 3, 1901	Balance cash on hand	73 00	
Total.....			\$193 40

Respectfully submitted,
W. S. BARBER, Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

1. The Trustees of the Association respectfully report that the STRAW-BRIDGE ANNUAL SERMON was preached by REV. J. B. ROGERS, of Moweaqua, in the Central Baptist Church in Springfield, on the second Sunday in October, 1900.

2. The annual interest due on the Strawbridge Fund of \$1,000, invested at 6 per cent interest, \$60.00 was collected on the 11th day of February, 1900. On the 1st day of May the interest on the Strawbridge Fund of \$1,000 was collected, up to that date, \$12.00, and the amount of these two collections have been paid into the Treasury of the Association.

3. The Strawbridge Fund of \$1,000, which has been continuously invested on mortgage security for the last 10 years, was, on the 1st day of May, 1901, paid in, and is now deposited in the Farmers' National Bank in Springfield, awaiting re-investment.

4. That we recommend that REV. H. L. WINBURNE, of Taylorville, be appointed to preach the STRAWBRIDGE ANNUAL SERMON on the second Sunday in October, 1902.

EDWIN S. WALKER,

EDWARD D. KEYS,

J. OTIS HUMPHREY,

Trustees

Rev. E. B. Rogers, Chairman of the Committee on Aged Ministers' and Orphans' Homes, presented the report of that Committee, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AGED MINISTERS' AND ORPHANS' HOMES.

1. *Resolved*, That we heartily commend the Christ-honoring work of the Baptist Ministers' Aid Society, in caring for the aged and dependent Ministers, and especially its modest request for a contribution from each church, of an amount equal to at least an average of 5 cents per resident member.

2. We recognize the Central Baptist Orphanage at Auburn Park, Illinois, as worthy of our warmest sympathy and liberal support. As the embodiment of one of the most blessed fruits of the gospel of Christ, we esteem it "The Poem of the Churches."

EUCLID B. ROGERS,

ELLA CHAPMAN,

MRS. C. S. BOYNTON,

Committee.

Rv. E. S. Walker offered the following:

Resolved, That the matter of making contributions towards the support of the Homes for Aged Ministers and Orphans, be relegated to the churches constituting the Association.

The Resolution was adopted.

At 10 o'clock, without any formal motion before the Association, the matter of arranging the program for further meetings was informally discussed, when it was

Resolved, That such time be given to "The Woman's Missionary Society of the Association" on Thursday afternoon of next year, as may be fixed upon by the Program Committee, to be appointed at this session.

At 10:30 o'clock Rev. E. S. Graham preached from Luke 12:49.

"Subject, "The fiery nature of the Gospel of Christ." The sermon had the ring of true, old-fashioned orthodoxy, with no admixture of the "higher criticism," and "the larger hope." and left no doubt but that the gospel of Christ is "the power of God unto salvation, unto every one that believeth," and to such only.

At 11 o'clock the Committee on Resolutions, through its Chairman, Rev. H. L. Winburne, presented its report, which was adopted in part, while that part relating to the subject of temperance, and the liquor traffic at Army Posts, was referred back to the Committee for revision. The Report is printed, as adopted, including the revised resolutions upon the subject of temperance, and the liquor traffic in the Army, which were afterwards adopted.

At 12 o'clock the Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. Prof Ransom Harvey.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met at 1:30 o'clock.

Devotional services were led by Rev. G. W. Claxon.

At 2 o'clock business was resumed.

The moderator appointed the following standing Committees:

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Rev. T. H. Marsh, Rev. S. H. Bowyer, Rev. E. B. Rogers, Rev. H. L. Winburne, Rev. Jas. B. Rogers, Dr. A. L. Converse, C. P. Rainey, Mark Sloman.

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Geo. E. Milford, G. W. Claxton, H. C. Bower.

COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM.

Rev. J. J. Midkiff, Rev. Edwin S. Walker, Rev. E. B. Rogers, Mrs. E. B. Rogers. Rev. G. E. Milford, Rev. L. C. Moore.

At 2:30 o'clock the Report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was presented. On motion to adopt, a general discussion of Sunday School work and methods was had, including an excellent address by Deacon J. E. Saxton, of Decatur.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, you Committee on Sunday School work, beg leave to make the following Report:

In view of the great importance of the Sunday School work, especially because we must look largely to the Sunday Schools for conversions and additions to our Churches, we make the following recommendations:

1. That our Churches give more prayerful consideration to the organization and control of the schools, and the selection of teachers.
2. That Pastors and Deacons keep a prayerful oversight of the spiritual condition of the schools.
3. That our teachers be urged to more personal preparation, and effort, for the immediate salvation of the pupils in their classes, and we believe this can be well done, by systematic class visitation, and exercising careful watch-care over the individual members of their classes.
4. That our Churches, through their schools, consider closely the advance methods of Sunday School work, particularly in the careful grading of the schools and the study of the laws of child development—in order to secure a better adaptation of the lesson to the pupils.
5. That each Church shall hold, during the year, at least one inspirational and instructional meeting, in order to secure better preparation, and more zealous effort, on the part of the teachers.
6. That the Sunday School co-operate in the B. Y. P. U. rallies on the basis of half time to each.
7. That the Sunday Schools co-operate with the A. B. P. S. in putting into the field and sustaining colportage wagons for the evangelization of the rural districts and weak Churches of our state.

8. We call attention to the recent change in the basis of our State Sunday School work, and recommend that all monies raised in connection with the Sunday School Missionary work be reported to the A. B. P. S. through its representative, Rev. O. B. Stone.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. WINBURNE,
Chairman.

The Report was adopted.

At 3 o'clock Rev. Ransom Harvey, D. D., the new professor in the Theological Department of Shurtleff College, spoke in behalf of that institution, and Ministerial education.

At 3:15 o'clock the regular program was carried out, which consisted in an exhibition of Junior B. Y. P. U. work in charge of Mrs. S. B. Titterington. The exercises concluded with the presentation of three banners to the Societies which made the highest averages in the year's work. Two were awarded to the Jacksonville Juniors, one for work done in the Sacred Literature Course, and one for work in the Conquest Missionary Course.

The Junior Society at Assumption was awarded the banner for the best averages made in the Bible Readers' Course. Upon the whole, this exercise of the Juniors, was one of the most interesting features of the Association.

The Edinburgh Baptist Church was recognized as a member of the Association, and the hand of welcome, and fellowship, was extended to the delegates present. Bro. F. M. Johnson and his wife, Sister F. M. Johnson and Bro. P. A. Blake.

The resolutions referred to the Committee on Resolutions for revision, were presented and adopted. They appear in the regular report as printed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, beg leave to report as follows:

1. *Be it Resolved* by the Springfield Association, that we, each and every one, do our utmost to tone up, and make annually more interesting, our Programs at Associational meetings.

2. We would make the Wednesday evening program a popular program, germane to the object of the meeting, changing all routine business to the day services, and having at that time a popular lecture, or special topical sermon by some representative man.

3. That we commend the good work of our Associational Mission Board, in connection with the State Board, for their faithful and efficient work; and offer them our heartiest encouragement to continue the same in the future.

4. That we recognize the good and effective work that is being done in the way of training among the "Juniors," and realizing that this work can be initiated and built up by an expert in this line, and recognizing in Mrs. S. B. Titterington one who is in every way qualified for this especial work, we recommend that the churches of the Association secure her services, which can be done by simply providing for her traveling expenses and entertainment.

5. That this Association hereby expresses its unqualified disapproval of the efforts now being made to restore the system of Army canteens in the United States Army, and the Clerk is hereby directed to forward copies of this Resolution to our Senators and Representative, in Congress, requesting them to use all honorable means to maintain the present law regulating the liquor traffic in Army Posts.

6. *Resolved*, That we, as an Association, uncompromisingly, oppose the saloon and liquor traffic in all its phases, and believe it to be our Christian duty as individuals and churches, to actively do all in our power for its suppression in the community, County, State and Nation.

7. *Resolved*, That we return our sincere thanks to the Pastor and members of the Jacksonville church, and the citizens of Jacksonville, for the cordial welcome and generous hospitality which they have extended to the Messengers and visitors attendant upon the meetings of the Association, as also to the *Jacksonville Journal* for its very full and accurate report of the meetings of the session.

W. L. WINBURNE,
Chairman.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

At 4:30 o'clock the business of the session having been completed the Association adjourned.

J. J. MIDKIFF, *Moderator.*

EDWIN S. WALKER, *Clerk.*

THE
BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION
OF THE
SPRINGFIELD ASSOCIATION.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Rev. J. B. Rogers, of Moweaqua.

The Devotional Service was led by Rev. Burt, of Pana.

Greetings were received from the societies, which showed progress in all lines and a determination of taking up the Sacred Literature Course.

Nominating Committee was appointed as follows:

Rev. H. L. Winburne, Taylorville; Rev. A. A. Todd, Shelbyville; Rev. G. W. Claxon, Assumption; Miss Mabel Gotra, Jacksonville; Mrs. Baird, Decatur.

An anthem by the Jacksonville choir.

Dr. Lounsbury, of Chicago, delivered an able and well appreciated address on "Meaning of the Cross in the Relation to the World."

Nominating Committee reported, recommending the following officers, and by vote, they were declared duly elected:

President—REV. E. B. ROGERS, Springfield.

Vice-President—REV. T. H. MARSH, Jacksonville.

Secretary and Treasurer—EMMA L. MALONE, Oreana.

Junior Superintendent—MRS. S. B. TITTERINGTON, Rochester.

As time would not permit of the reading of the minutes of the Joint Rallies of the S. S. and B. Y. P. U., a verbal report was given.

"Chicago Echoes" were given of the International Convention, from several delegates.

A Gold Pen and Pencil was presented the Secretary by Rev. Rogers, of Springfield, in behalf of the Churches of the Association.

She takes the opportunity here to thank them for their kind appreciation.

A vote of thanks was extended to the Pastor and Church for their loyal entertainment during the Associational.

Rev. Marsh closed the session with a consecration service.

EMMA L. MALONE, *Secretary.*

IN MEMORIAM.

ASSUMPTION.

One member has died.

BERLIN.

Deacon Thomas F. Rhea, and Jesse Oder, two of the oldest members, in full age, and like shocks of corn fully ripened, were gathered to their rest in heaven.

CHATHAM.

One member has died.

SPRINGFIELD.

Sixteen members have died.

DECATUR.

Fourteen members have died.

EDINBURG.

One member has died.

JACKSONVILLE.

Mrs. F. M. Springer departed this life April 23, 1901. She was for many years a faithful teacher of the Bible Class.

Mrs. Nancy House died September 18, 1900.

William J. Westrope died February 5, 1901.

LOAMI.

Amos Harris, Mrs. Philipine Sempke.

MOWEAQUA.

Two members have died.

PANA.

Mrs. M. Watts, and Viola Carr.

Edward Lyford, Brazilla Stoval.

PLEASANT PLAINS.

One member has died.

STONINGTON.

One member has died.

TAYLOBVILLE.

Two members have died.

Sacred to the Memory of William McKinley.

At the Annual meeting of the Association, held on the sixth day of September, 1899, the Committee on Resolutions presented the following Report, which was adopted by unanimous vote of the Association:

3. "Resolved, That the President of the United States, William McKinley, throughout the great war with Spain, which is destined to mark an epoch in history, has conducted the affairs of the executive department of the government with patient dignity and wisdom, with calm and statesman-like ability, and with unquestionable patriotism.

4. "Resolved, That as Christian men and women, we accord the government our sympathy and loyal support in a vigorous prosecution of the work now before it, to the end that its authority may be soon established, and its flag upheld and honored by a grateful and free people, throughout the Philippine archipelago."

Four weeks after the adoption of these Resolutions, a copy of the Minutes of the Association was sent to the President, by the Clerk, with an accompanying letter, in reply to which he received the following: E. S. W.

EXECUTIVE MANSION,

WASHINGTON.

October 11, 1899.

My Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, with enclosure, and to state that it will be brought to the President's attention.

Thanking you in the President's behalf for your cordial expressions of commendation and approval, believe me,

Very truly yours,

J. A. Porter,

Secretary to the President.

Rev. E. S. Walker,
Springfield, Ill.

On the sixth day of September, 1901, two years after the day on which the above Resolutions were adopted, the President, who had continued to "conduct the affairs of the Executive Department of the Government, with patient dignity and wisdom, with calm and statesman-like ability, and with unquestionable patriotism," was stricken down by the infamous hand of a cowardly assassin, and after a week of patient suffering, yielded up his Spirit to God who gave it.

By nature rarely endowned, he grew up into the full stature of a valiant soldier, a wise statesman, a devoted patriot, and crowning all, a devout Christian. By his life of high ideals, and devotion to duty in the fear of God, ending in his tragic death, he has now taken his place among the immortals.

This Association mingles tears with the tears of the nation, and its prayers go up to the throne of God, in behalf of her, who, in his life, was the supreme object of his affection.

We draw the veil and say, "God's will, not ours, be done."

ABSTRACT OF LETTERS.

ASSUMPTION—Our year's work has not been marked by as great an increase of members as we should have been glad to have reported, but we feel the Lord has been precious to us. We still have Rev. G. W. Claxon as our Pastor. He has been faithfully preaching the gospel. The Church has been strengthened both Spiritually and financially under his guidance. Our special meetings by our Pastor last January were not as fruitful as we had prayed. Our Church, as never before, is giving regularly for Missions. Our Sunday School is doing excellent work, with Bro. S. E. Cushing as Superintendent.

BERLIN—The past year has not been one of great activity with us, but we are eagerly looking forward to the awakening of the Church, and accomplishing something for Christ. Rev. Mr. Allen resigned in August, 1900, and until June, 1901, we were without a Pastor. At that time the Church called Rev. C. M. Murphy to the pastorate. As he had not been ordained, a council was called and the ordination services held, after which he entered upon his work. The Church decided that we have a series of meetings, our Pastor being assisted by Rev. Mr. Fair, of Chicago. These meetings are proving most profitable, in addition to several conversions; a number who had drifted away, have returned and have pledged themselves to a better life. We have organized a Junior B. Y. P. U., which is fairly successful, and we hope to have a Senior Society soon.

CHATHAM—In March last meetings were held every night for nearly three weeks. The result was Church revived, four baptisms and five added by letter and experience. We organized a Sunday School April 1st. Our Pastor, Rev. W. J. Chapin, who has served the Church at different times for 14 years, is still with us, but owing to the infirmities of age, must close his labors soon, as he will, in a few days, reach his eightieth year. He has been in the ministry nearly fifty-six years.

CENTRAL, SPRINGFIELD—The Central Baptist Church, of Springfield, sendeth Christian greeting, and trust that the deliberations of the Association will be so guided by an all-wise Providence, that great good will result to our Master's cause, in this Associational vineyard. We rejoice to report a visible manifestation of God's blessing in the growth of the Church, and its two Missions. While we have not attained to the Christian's ideal, still our substantial growth, under the faithful ministry of Rev. E. B. Rogers, and his beloved wife, encourages us in the hope of better things. Our statistics show a substantial increase in membership, notwithstanding the hand of death has removed sixteen of our members. Our Senior, and Junior B. Y. P. U. Societies have been active during the year, and our Woman's Missionary Societies, both home and foreign, in conjunction with our "King's Daughters," and Ladies' Aid Societies, speak volumes for the active and faithful labors of our Sisters in the Church. We have a good Sunday School in the Central Church, and at each of the Missions, from all of which we are constantly gaining accessions to the Church. We earnestly desire the prayers of the Association, that our work may be more effective in the Capital City of the State.

DECATUR—This month closes an important year with us. Much attention has been given, by both Pastor and members, to the temporal affairs of the Church. Besides the current expenses of the Church, we have raised \$249 for missionary and charitable purposes, and about \$2,000 for repairs, and toward the organ fund. The new organ will soon be in place, and then the work proper of the Church will be begun with redoubled energy. Death has called away from us more members than for many years past, removing fourteen of our number.

DIAMOND GROVE—We have but little change to report for the last year. Endeavor to maintain a regular Sabbath morning service, with our monthly covenant

meeting. The entire Church work largely falls on the few resident members. Our Church property is in good condition. We feel assured that God is able, and we are hopeful, that He will restore like joyful prosperity unto us as in times past.

EDINBURG—We come to you this year as an independent Church for the first time, and desire to take our place in the Association. In November, last, our Mission and the Bethel Baptist Church, invited Brother F. M. Johnson to visit us, which resulted in both Churches extending to him a call to the pastorate. His work with us began January 1, 1901. Since that time he has labored with us with untiring zeal. He began at once to plan for a Church organization. As this could not be done, successfully, until our indebtedness was paid, he soon had the money in hand, with which to meet the debt, with a balance of \$34.95 in the treasury, and April 3rd the Church was organized into an independent Church. On April 11th, by special invitation, a Recognition Council was held, which duly recognized us as an independent Church. During the present pastorate there have been sixteen additions to the Church, eight by letter, and eight by baptism. Our Sunday School has also increased, and our Young People's meetings have been well sustained.

JACKSONVILLE—This Church heartily welcomes you in this, the sixty-fourth annual session of our Association. During the month of January we engaged in special meetings, which were conducted by our Pastor; in these meetings more than sixty professes faith in Christ, and forty were baptised into the fellowship of the Church, and the spiritual life of the Church was greatly quickened. Our Church highly appreciates the labors of our Pastor, Rev. T. H. Marsh, as being aggressive and faithful, seeking the upbuilding of the Master's Kingdom. The reports of the Church organizations show what devoted workers can accomplish when consecrated to the service. Our Sunday School, under the superintendency of Bro. F. H. Thomas, has truly become the recruiting ground of the Church, fully three-fourths of the baptisms during the year were from among attendants. Our B. Y. P. U. is a strong and efficient organization. The Church looks with pardonable pride upon the work of Junior B. Y. P. U.; it has grown steadily in members, and many conversions can be traced to the influence of the Junior meetings. Both of our Young People's Societies have been enthusiastic in carrying on the Christian Culture Course. The Church also sustains a Mission in the north part of the city, where we have maintained a live, progressive Sunday School, and an Industrial School, as well as regular prayer meetings, with occasional sermons by our Pastor.

LOAMI—We are glad that we are able to report some progress during the past year. Last year, this time, we were without a Pastor, but last January we called the Rev. James Osborn, of Upper Alton, to serve us for half time. Since then we have had regular preaching services. In February, Bro. B. F. Rodman, District Missionary, held a meeting for eighteen days, when a good interest was awakened, and a number were added to our profession of faith and baptism. We have a good Sunday School, also a Baptist Young People's Union, that meets every Sunday night. We are grateful to the Local Mission Board for sending Bro. Rodman to the help of our Pastor. We have lost two of our members by death, Sister Philipine Lempke and Bro. Amos Harris.

MOWEAQUA—We cannot report as large an increase in membership this year as we usually do, but we hope advancement has been made in other directions. The two mission Sunday Schools, Walker, and Long Grove, are prosperous. A tent meeting, held with the Walker Sunday School last September, resulted in seven conversions. From this school there have been six additions to the home Church. The Long Grove school was organized in June last, and has an enrollment of fifty. We have built a fifteen hundred dollar parsonage during the year. On March 7, 1901, Bro. James A. Carwile, was set apart to the work of the gospel ministry by a council which convened with us on that date.

MORRISONVILLE—We again greet you at the Annual Associational Meeting, and meet you stronger and in better condition for work than we were last year. We are out of debt. We had a pastor, the Rev. C. W. Webb, from January 20, to July 28. We received three members to baptism as a result of his labors. We have a fair interest in our Sunday School work. We are now discussing the advisability of calling some one to preach all, or part of the time.

OREANA—We still have the labors of our young Pastor, L. C. Moore. Have licensed a young brother to preach the gospel. Shortly after the Association Pastor commenced a meeting at our out-station, Belle Prairie. It was continued about

two weeks, during which time there were fourteen conversions, and eleven additions to the Church. We extend an invitation to the Association to meet with us next year.

PANA—From September to December 31, 1900, we were without a Pastor, being supplied by different Brethren. On January 1, 1901, God sent to us Bro. R. E. Burt, of Indianola, Ill., who is now with us, and the Master is blessing his efforts, the members are more earnest in the work of the Church, and all lines of Church work are in a prosperous condition. Pastor and people are united, and we believe the Lord will greatly bless us the coming year. Four of our number have gone home to the rest everlasting.

PLEASANT PLAINS—By the goodness and mercy of God through the past year, we are enabled to make our first annual report as a Church. Though weak, we are united. We have not accomplished so much for the Lord as we desired, but we believe good seed has been sown, and that God will give us a harvest in His good time. Rev. George C. Ewart preached for us about seven months, one-half of the time. We sustain prayer meetings and Sunday School regularly the year around. We have a Ladies' Aid Society, which has done good work. Pray for us, that His cause and Kingdom may be built up in our midst.

PROVIDENCE—We esteem it a glorious privilege to confess our neglect in our Master's work, and pray that you may count us worthy to be again admitted into your Association. We are again trying to keep house for our Master. The Lord, through His loving kindness and wisdom, has sent to us an under Shepherd, whom both saint and sinner have learned to love. Rev. W. T. Moore began his pastoral work with us last March, and much good has already been accomplished. We organized a Sunday School last Spring, which is in good working order. Our Pastor just closed a two weeks' meeting, which was very helpful in reviving the Church, and two professed faith in Christ, and came into the Church by baptism, and one by experience.

SHELBYVILLE—During the first four months of the past fiscal year, we were without a Pastor. However, Sunday School, B. Y. P. U. and prayer meetings were regularly held, and fairly well attended. About the 1st of January last, Rev. A. A. Todd and wife, came from Bunker Hill, Ill., to labor with us. They began their work with energy and zeal. A series of meetings was held early in the Spring, during which special efforts were put forth and many precious souls were saved, and the Church strengthened in many ways. Our meetings, during the Summer, have not been as well attended as we could desire, but we feel thankful that progress has been made.

STONINGTON—We have not seen the results of our efforts during the year as we had hoped. We feel, however, that we have made some progress—growing stronger in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Have been four added to our membership, two by letter, one by experience, and one by baptism. In the month of February, we held special meetings, in which Rev. W. H. Breach, of Winchester, assisted us. The meeting of the Association with us last year was a great blessing to our Church and community. Our Sunday School is doing good work under the leadership of Bros. O. E. Briggs and Harry Garwood.

NEW STONINGTON—We are not able to report the progress this we would be glad to report, yet we have many evidences of our Father's goodness. We are still trying to go forward in the service of our Lord. We have as our Pastor, Rev. J. J. Midkiff, for one-half the time.

TAYLORVILLE—As a Church, we feel that we have been blessed in many ways since Bro. Winburne has been with us. Our Church work has been very prosperous and much interest has been shown by the members. In January last, Bro. Sledge, from Tennessee, came to assist Bro. Winburne in revival services, which resulted in forty-one additions to our Church. Our Sunday School, under the leadership of Bro. C. M. Parker, has increased, and great interest is shown by the pupils. The Baptist Young People's Union has been well maintained. The Woman's Missionary Society has had their regular meetings with good attendance.

ZENOBIA—We have had the services of Rev. J. P. Alexander as Pastor, for one-half of the time, since November last. Our Sunday School has been larger during the past months than at any former period of its history. The attendance is good. Our financial obligations have been met promptly.

REPORTS OF HOME AND FOREIGN MISSION WORK of the Women's Missionary Societies of
The Springfield Baptist Association

April 1, 1901.

CHURCH MISSION CIRCLES.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.	Female Members Oh'rh	Members Mission So- ciety	Tidings Taken	Helping Hand Taken..	Cash Contributions to Home Missions..	Value of Work and Goods to Home Mis- sions.....	Cash Contributions to Foreign Missions....
Assumption.....	No Circle	Mrs. E. B. Warren.....	.....	5	7	4	\$13 00	.....	\$16 00
Berlin	Mrs. P. N. Boynton .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	1 00
Chatham.....	No Circle .....	.....	.....	40	4	6	36 05	30 00	55 00
Decatur	Mrs. Walter Hutchins.....	Mrs. Edith D. Bothel .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....
Diamond Grove.....	No Circle .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Edinburg	No Circle .....	.....	.....	22	4	20	54 00	.....	54 00
Jacksonville	Mrs. J. P. Brown.....	Mrs. W. S. Duckles.....	235	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Loami	No Circle .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Morrisonville	No Circle .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Moswequa	Mrs. J. B. Rogers	No report made .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 37
Pleasant Plains.....	No Circle .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Stonington	No Circle .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oreana	Mrs. L. C. Ratney	Mrs. H. C. Bower	42	5	2	3	12 75	.....	10 25
Pana.....	Mrs. G. M. Ludwick	Mrs. Dora Shortt.....	150	10	2	.....	17 35	.....	27 31
Second Bethel.....	No Circle .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shelbyville	Mrs. W. O. Headen.....	Edna Earl Conn	76	34	.....	5	12 35	.....	10 00
Springfield (Central)	Mrs. E. B. Rogers	Mrs. H. A. McKeene.....	.....	62	10	20	96 75	25 00	83 16
Springfield (South).....	Mrs. E. B. Elder	Mrs. I. Elledge.....	.....	.....	1	7	9 60	.....	7 60
Stonington.....	Mrs. M. E. Duncan	Miss Ella Chapman.....	30	15	2	2	49 67	.....	26 42
Taylorville	Mrs. Julia Chesebro	Mrs. H. L. Winberne	200	18	5	10	25 00	.....	27 95
Zenobia	No Circle .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 53	.....	.....
Totals.....	.....	.....	833	211	37	77	\$336 07	\$55 00	\$321 06

The above figures are from April 1, 1900, to April 1, 1901.

Mrs. W. H. TAYLOR, Secretary.

TABLE OF CHURCH STATISTICS.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	CLERK WITH THEIR POST OFFICE.	PASTORS AND MESSENGERS.	GAIN.				LOSS.				Total Number.
			Baptism....	Letter	Experience.	Restored ...	Letter	Excluded...	Erased.....	Died	
Assumption	E. Howard	REV. G. W. CLAXON	...	5	1	...	3	...	...	1	136
Berlin	Chas. E. Carpenter	REV. C. M. MURPHY, E. L. Rhea, Mrs. C. S. Boynton, Mrs. B. M. Boynton, Mrs. C. M. Gibson, Mrs. Thos. F. Rhea, Mrs. M. O. Carpenter, Mrs. C. Washburne, Mrs. E. L. Rhea, Mrs. F. J. Taylor	4	1	1	...	1	...	...	2	158
Second Bethel.	C. M. Lively, Blue Mound...	G. W. Collins, Mrs. F. Froman, Mrs. L. Decker, Mrs. C. Darnell.	...	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	12
Chatham	N. A. Nicles	REV. E. B. ROGERS, Rev. Edwin S. Walker, Rev. J. W. Primm, T. E. Sexton, Norman Coughlin, John G. Roberts, U. G. Moore, Scott Peacock, Ira McKinney, Mrs. E. B. Rogers, Mrs. W. H. Taylor, Mrs. T. K. Sexton, Mrs. S. B. Titterton, Miss Sophia Nuess, Mrs. J. L. Powell, Mrs. G. H. Houchens, Mrs. H. O. Irwin, Mrs. E. B. Elder, Mrs. T. R. Willer, Mrs. J. T. Underwood	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33
Central, Springfield.....	John H. Neher	REV. S. H. BOWYER, Dea. J. E. Saxton, Mrs. Mary Freeman, Mrs. Adie Baird, Miss Gertrude Hyer	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Decatur	S. T. Curtis	REV. D. D. HOLMES, J. D. Adams and wife	32	30	2	...	22	...	5	16	975
Diamond Grove.....	Emma F. Holmes, Jack'ville	F. M. JOHNSON, Mrs. F. M. Johnson, P. A. Blake	8	13	2	...	14	...	...	14	727
Edinburg.....	Armina Nelms	REV. T. H. MARSH, W. H. Barrett, Geo. W. Fox, Ralph Reynolds, Dea. Williamson, T. F. Cafkey, Geo. W. Dye, Miss Mary French, Mrs. I. C. Coleman, Mrs. Hannah Shreve, Mrs. J. S. Obermeyer	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
Jacksonville	W. B. Pearson	REV. JAMES OSBORNE, H. G. Campbell, D. Sturgis, M. Davis	8	8	...	...	5	...	...	1	59
Loami	H. G. Campbell.....	REV. JOSEPH B. ROGERS, Mrs. J. B. Rogers, B. J. McKinney, Miss Rosella Thomas, Miss Louisa A. Combs, Miss Mabel West, Miss Lizzie Marshall	47	23	2	2	12	3	...	3	422
Moavequa	Rosella Thomas	Dea. W. H. Douglas, Geo. W. Adams	14	...	...	...	1	1	...	2	71
Morrisonville.....	Geo. W. Adams.....	Miss Rosie Bower, Miss Emma L. Malone, Miss Jennie Ray	16	3	...	...	8	3	...	2	350
Oreana	C. P. Ratney, Decatur.....	J. A. Dunn, R. E. Burt	3	5	...	...	6	...	...	...	45
Pana.....	O. C. King	Dea. M. Dunkel and Mrs. Dunkel, T. O. Richardson and Mrs. Richardson	14	1	...	1	4	...	...	...	94
Pleasant Plains.....	E. D. Boynton	H. J. Yarnell, Rosa Davidson	9	7	...	2	...	...	5	4	245
Providence.....	M. Bellamy, Stonington.....	REV. A. A. TODD, C. E. Bolinger	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	46
Shelbyville.....	Walter C. Headen	REV. GEO. E. MILFORD, Miss Ella Chapman, Mrs. Mary E. Duncan, J. L. Sanders	3	...	2	...	...	...	6	...	43
Stonington	Ella Chapman	REV. J. J. MIDKIFF	13	2	2	...	8	22	...	...	234
New Stonington	W. T. Bridges.....	REV. H. L. WINBURNE, Mrs. H. L. Winburne	1	2	1	...	7	...	...	1	132
Taylorville.....	W. E. Peabody	Not represented	1	4	1	...	6	...	...	...	47
Zenobia	W. F. Rich, Morrisonville.		39	11	...	1	13	37	...	2	370
Totals			215	120	16	7	113	44	41	50	4,282

Pastors in SMALL CAPITALS; ordained Ministers in italics. P. O. address same as name of church, where not otherwise indicated.

TABLE OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND GENERAL STATISTICS.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.											CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS.										
NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	SUPERINTEN- DENTS.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars	Average Attendance	Scholars Baptized	S. S. Expenses	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Bible and Publication Society	Orphans' Home	Baptist Ministers' Home	Ministerial Education	Woman's Bands and Circles.		Miscellaneous..	Church Expenses	Church Property	Minutes	
																Woman's Foreign Mis. Soc.	Woman's Home Mis. Soc.				
Assumption.....	S. E. Cushin.....	11	105	67	...	\$34 32	\$20 65	\$27 04	\$19 35	\$6 86	\$13 70	...	...	\$8 20	...	\$88 26	\$22 65	\$955	\$5,500	\$1 60	
New Berlin.....	J. H. Collins.....	30	292	267	24	180 00	15 00	29 00	5 00	76 00	18 87	...	\$20 00	46 00	...	...	212 48	3,882	4,500	1 50	
Central, Spring'ld	A. W. Hillier.....	17	115	90	...	...	1 75	55 00	94 22	6 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40,000	8 00	
Central, N. Miss'n	Frank Lindsay.....	11	109	65	...	48 50	...	...	...	8 50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,000	...	
Central, S. Miss'n	N. A. Nicles.....	10	70	50	4	4 86	10 75	48 18	6 00	8 00	8 44	22 00	3 00	...	3 00	6 75	...	65 81	4,000	...	
Chatham.....	S. T. Curtis.....	42	264	227	3	...	21 30	21 30	59 39	45 00	...	...	...	40 00	55 00	35 00	13 00	4,400	2,500	50	
Decatur.....	J. E. Saxton.....	20	170	100	...	...	1 75	...	7 50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45,000	5 00	
Decatur, E. P. M.	No S. S. reported.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Diamond Grove.	R. A. Blake.....	13	113	60	8	...	...	1 30	80	4 00	...	...	7 43	29 50	54 00	54 00	222 00	356 05	3,000	60	
Edingburgh.....	Frank H. Thomas	26	250	180	25	124 00	10 50	35 50	48 33	80 00	17 25	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,116	25,000	3 00	
Jacksonville.....	...	9	90	55	...	30 00	1 75	36 00	3 00	1 95	...	...	1 50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Jack'ville M.S.S.	Silas Brewer.....	10	50	20	14	100 00	...	7 00	7 25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Loami.....	D. A. Adamson.....	21	190	140	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Moavequa.....	Benj. McKinney.	...	100	50	...	38 54	3 50	...	...	5 75	3 02	...	1 55	...	...	...	356 00	203	1,500	75	
Moavequa W.M's	Mrs. Robert Pratt	14	94	52	1	40 50	3 50	3 40	2 70	3 27	8 79	...	2 58	4 29	10 25	10 25	7 00	888	5,000	3 00	
Morrissonville.	Mrs. H. O. Bower	14	50	28	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Oreana.....	O. C. King.....	14	144	90	7	...	7 00	4 90	17 50	3 80	...	...	...	2 07	...	...	21 00	371	4,000	1 00	
Pana.....	O. M. Lively, B.M.	5	50	32	...	6 50	...	...	...	...	...	2 00	...	...	...	...	...	765	7,000	1 60	
Providence.....	Daniel Bohnert.....	9	44	30	...	5 35	...	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	...	...	75	...	...	...	193	1,000	1 50	
Pleasant Plains..	L. E. Fish.....	13	110	54	12	36 00	...	19 86	11 03	21 00	11 00	...	7 00	22 90	10 00	13 50	...	196	2,000	1 50	
Shelbyville.....	O. E. Briggs.....	9	65	50	...	40 00	...	60 00	56 76	50 00	8 00	...	...	15 45	16 00	28 00	...	925	5,000	2 00	
Stonington.....	J. I. Owens.....	8	50	37	...	19 60	...	21 00	26 00	15 25	...	6 00	...	16 00	...	...	57 50	700	3,500	2 00	
New Stonington.	C. M. Parker.....	22	248	148	21	112 00	15 25	24 21	22 81	...	7 00	...	...	...	25 35	23 35	5 66	450	3,500	1 00	
Taylorville.....	W. F. Rich.....	11	88	50	...	...	1 75	...	...	...	...	...	5 00	...	...	...	1 75	...	10,000	3 00	
Zenobia.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,000	1 00	
Totals.....	.....	340	2953	1952	125	\$820 58	\$114 45	\$388 74	\$384 14	\$337 38	\$104 07	\$10 00	\$48 06	\$185 16	\$261 86	\$288 40	\$929 97	\$17,628	\$178,000	\$41 55	

ANNUAL REPORT of the Baptist Young People's Societies of the Springfield Baptist Association for
Year ending September 1, 1901.

NAME OF CHURCH.	Name ☐ of Society.	NAME OF PRESIDENT.	NAME OF COR. SECRE- TARY.	Date of Regular Election of Officers.	MEMBERS.			No. Copies "Baptist Union" Taken.
					Active.	Associate.	Total.	
Assumption	B. Y. P. U.	George Owens	Gertrude Hyer... ..	January—July.....	93	10	103	3
Decatur	O. Endeavor. . .	.....	.....	March—Sept. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Edinburg	B. Y. P. U. ....	.....	.....	January—July.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jacksonville .....	" " " " .....	.....	.....	" " " " .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Loomi .....	" " " " .....	.....	.....	" " " " .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Morrissonville .....	" " " " .....	.....	.....	" " " " .....	86	16	102	4
Moawequa	" " " "	L. G. Whitehead	Cora Bruner.....	" " " "	13	10	23	10
Oreana	" " " "	Rosa O. Bower	Emma L. Malone. .	" " " " .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pana. ....	" " " " .....	.....	.....	" " " " .....	44	.....	45	5
Shelbyville.....	" " " "	Mrs. C. E. Bollinger	Leota Mercer.....	" " " "	60	10	70	20
Springfield	" " " "	U. G. Moore	Susan Vandercook .....	" " " " .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
C. N. Mission	O. Endeavor... ..	.....	.....	March—Sept. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....
C. S. Mission .....	" " " " .....	.....	.....	" " " " .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Taylorville	B. Y. P. U. ....	.....	.....	B. Y. P. U. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zenobia .....	" " " " .....	.....	.....	" " " " .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	53	77	.....

JUNIOR STATISTICS.

SUPERINTENDENT.	
Assumption.....	.....
Decatur	
Jacksonville	
Moawequa	24
Springfield	53
Taylorville	
Totals.....	77

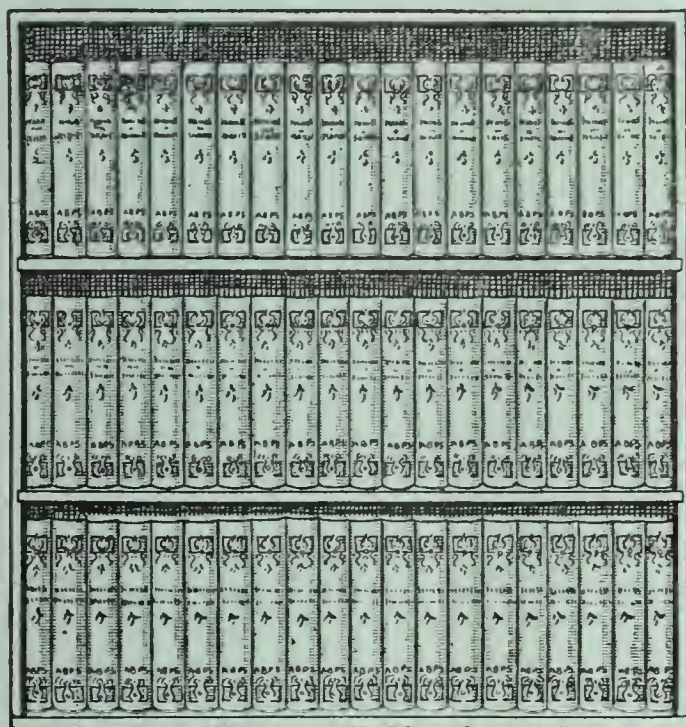
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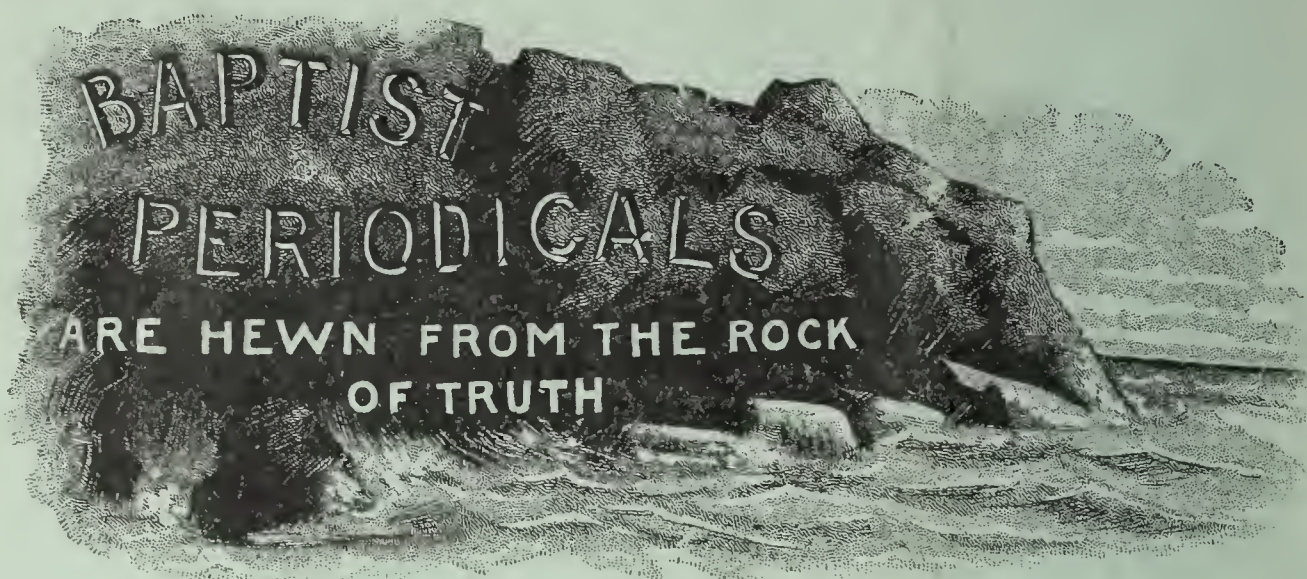
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OREANA, ILLINOIS,

SEPTEMBER 3, AND 4, 1902.

OFFICERS:

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Clerk—REV. E. S. WALKER.

Treasurer—J. E. SAXTON.

The SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION, will be held with the Pleasant Plains Baptist Church, commencing on the first Wednesday in September, 1903, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be called THE SPRINGFIELD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, and shall be composed of such Baptist Churches, as enjoy the fellowship of their sister churches, of the Baptist denomination. The object of this Association is to promote the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ, at home and abroad, and by correspondence and co-operation with other Associations and Missionary organizations connected with the Baptist denomination strive to upbuild the Redeemer's Kingdom among men.

ART. II. Every church composed of a less number than twenty shall be entitled to two messengers, and an additional messenger for every twenty members.

ART. III. This Association shall meet annually on the first Wednesday in September, at 10 o'clock a. m., commence its session with public worship and continue in session two days.

ART. IV. A Moderator and a Clerk shall be chosen by ballot at each session of the Association, who will continue in office until others are elected to supply their places. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside, and lead in all transactions of the Association and to see that due order and decorum are observed by all the members. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to make a full and impartial record of all the doings of the Association during the session, and furnish a correct copy of the same for publication. Three Trustees shall be chosen by ballot, who shall manage and control and hold in trust all such funds as may have been, or may hereafter be bequeathed to the Springfield Baptist Association, according to the provision of such bequests. Said Trustees, at the first election, shall be elected to serve for three years, after which time, one of said Trustees shall be elected to serve for one year, one for two years and one for three years, and thereafter only one shall be elected annually, to serve for three years, except to fill a vacancy.

ART. V. A Treasurer shall be chosen every year, whose duty it shall be to receive and safely keep all the monies belonging to this body, and pay them out only as directed by this body (unless otherwise specified by the donor,) and transmit to his successor in office the books, together with the monies remaining in his hands, at the expiration of his term of office.

ART. VI. Each church represented shall send with its Messengers, a letter, giving an account of its progress during the past year; its additions, diminutions, and whole number; what it is doing for the cause of Christ at home and abroad; and in short, whatever relates to its prosperity and peace as a church of Jesus Christ.

Each church is expected to contribute and forward money for the the printing of Minutes, the amount to equal one and a half cents per member, of such church.

ART. VII. Any church wishing to unite with this Association, applying by letter and delegates, may be received by giving satisfactory information that it is sound in doctrine and correct in in practice, on the reception of which the Moderator shall give one of its delegates the right hand of fellowship on behalf of the body.

ART. VIII. When a church shall neglect to make any communication with this Association for three years in succession, it may be dropped from the Minutes, unless its continuance is requested by at least two members, who shall engage to inquire into its condition, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ART. IX. The Association can exercise no authority or jurisdiction over the churches, each one of which is an independent body; nevertheless, the Association shall have the power to refuse any church a seat in this body which shall prove unworthy of its fellowship.

ART. X. The Association shall have power to hold correspondence with other Associations as may be expedient.

ART. XI. This Constitution may be amended at any Annual Meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, provided notice shall have been given of the proposed amendment at a previous Annual Meeting.

BY-LAWS.

1. Every meeting of the Association shall be closed with prayer.
2. No question shall be discussed until it is regularly moved and seconded.
3. No member of the Association shall speak on any question more than twice nor more than ten minutes, without special leave of the Moderator.
4. Every member speaking shall address himself to the Moderator; shall avoid all improper personalities, and shall confine himself to the question before the Association.
5. Ministers, and others, invited to take a seat with us, may take part in discussing all questions, but vote on none.
6. No member shall leave the Association without leave of the Moderator.
7. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to appoint all Committees, unless it be otherwise ordered at the time.
8. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and it shall be put without debate.
9. These Rules shall be read at the opening of every Annual Meeting of the Association.

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NEXT ANNUAL MEETING:

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SPRINGFIELD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

1902.

The Springfield Baptist Association met with the Oreana Baptist Church on Wednesday, September 3, 1902.

At 10 o'clock a. m., the Association was called to order by the Moderator, REV. J. J. MIDKIFF, of Stonington.

The rules of the Association were read by Rev. S. H. Bowyer, of Decatur.

The Moderator appointed a *Committee on Nomination of Officers and Trustees*, consisting of Rev. C. W. Webb, Rev. T. H. Marsh and L. A. Davidson.

Committee on Enrollment—Miss Emma Malone, Miss Grace Swan and Mrs. W. C. Dimock.

An invitation was extended to visiting brethren and sisters representing Missionary, Benevolent and Educational organizations to seats in the Association.

The following named brethren and sisters were present: Rev. S. C. Fulmer, of Indianapolis, Ind.; Rev. Thomas M. Griffith, of Windsor, Ill.; Rev. Norman Carr, Field Secretary of Shurtleff College; Rev. Jas. H. Davis, District Missionary of the Illinois Baptist General Association, Normal, Ill.; Rev. E. A. Stone, Sunday School Missionary of the American Baptist Publication Society, Chicago; Mrs. Martha V. Higman, State Secretary Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of the West; Miss Clara E. Maguire, of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society; Rev. D. O.

Griffin, Argenta, Ill.; W. J. Couch, East St. Louis, Ill.; Rev. W. T. Markland, Charleston, Ill.; Rev. O. L. Swanson, Missionary of the American Baptist Missionary Union, Assam, India.

At 10:30 o'clock the INTRODUCTORY SERMON was delivered by Rev. H. L. Winburne, of Taylorville, Phil. Chap. I., Verses 9, 10 and 11.

Theme: *Common Sense in Religion.*

Following this service the Committee on Nominations reported the following:

Moderator—REV. JOSEPH B. ROGERS.

Clerk—REV EDWIN S. WALKER.

Treasurer—J. E. SAXTON.

Trustee—For three years, REV. EDWIN S. WALKER.

On motion of Rev. S. H. Bowyer, it was ordered that report be accepted, and the ballot of the Association cast for the persons named therein; it was so cast and the officers declared duly elected.

The Clerk was, by vote of the Association, instructed to prepare a minute expressive of its sense of high appreciation of the service of the retiring Moderator, REV. J. J. MIDKIFF, who has presided over the deliberations of the body for the last four annual sessions with wise and business-like discretion, and to the eminent satisfaction of every member.

At 11:20 o'clock the letter of the Oreana Church welcoming the Association to its hospitalities, was read by Rev. S. H. Bowyer, who, as in former years, has kindly served, assisting the Clerk. This was followed by the reading of other Church letters until 11:50 o'clock, when the further reading was postponed until the afternoon session.

At 12 o'clock the Association adjourned.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met at 1:30 o'clock.

Devotional exercises were led by Rev. E. K. Shults, of Moweaqua, until 2 o'clock, when the reading of Church letters was resumed and completed.

The printed program was, on motion, adopted, subject to such changes as might be found advisable during the session.

At 2:20 o'clock Rev. Norman Carr, Field Secretary of Shurtleff College, spoke in behalf of that institution, specially in relation to the move-

ment to secure an increase of the endowment fund, now needed to meet the increasing demands upon the treasury.

At 2:40 o'clock the newly elected Moderator, REV. JOSEPH B. ROGERS, took the chair, and in a few well chosen words expressed his thanks for the honor conferred by his election—appreciated not by himself alone, but an honor which would also be appreciated all the more, by his aged gray haired mother in the old Kentucky home. A touch of tender pathos was this obedience to the Scriptural injunction, "Honor thy Father and thy Mother"—as the son paid tribute to her whose prayers followed him in his life work of preaching Christ, the Savior of sinners.

The following Committees were then appointed for the session:

Committee on B. Y. P. U. Societies—Rev. T. H. Marsh, Rev. E. K. Shults, Rev. R. E. Burt.

Committee on Sunday Schools and Baptist Publication Society—Rev. S. H. Bowyer, Rev. C. H. Ferrel, John T. Pennington.

Committee on Aged Ministers' and Orphans' Homes—Rev. G. W. Claxon, Rev. E. S. Walker.

Committee on Resolutions—Rev. H. L. Winburne, Rev. J. J. Roach.

Committee on Next Session—Rev. C. W. Webb, Joseph Duncan, George W. Taylor.

At 3 o'clock the Woman's Missionary Society of the Association, Mrs. E. B. Rogers presiding, held its Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting, when Mrs. Martha V. Higman, State Secretary Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of the West, delivered an address upon the work and the field of that Society.

At 3:45 the Moderator resumed the chair.

On motion of the chairman of the Missionary Committee, Rev. S. H. Bowyer, the sum of \$25.00 was appropriated from the Associational Missionary fund to the Chatham Church.

At 4 o'clock the work of Associational and State Missions was up for consideration, and Rev. James H. Davis, District Missionary of the Illinois Baptist General Association, gave an address upon State Mission work, with report of the condition and demands of Illinois as a mission field.

At 4:30 the Women's Conference was held, occupying the half hour, when at 5:00 o'clock the Association adjourned with prayer.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION.

Association met pursuant to adjournment at 7:30 o'clock.

Devotional services for thirty minutes were led by Rev. C. W. Webb, of Berlin, who read the 27th Psalm and conducted the service of song.

At 8 o'clock the Moderator in chair, prayer by Rev. E. B. Rogers.

The letters from Stonington and Pleasant Plains churches, which had been delayed, were read.

At 8:10 o'clock an address was delivered by Rev. S. C. Fulmer of Indianapolis.

Subject—"*Two Great American Problems.*"

These two problems were: First—The Negroes of the South; second, the Foreign-born Population of the North.

These were discussed in relation to their growing importance relatively, and as important factors in our American civilization during the century to come.

At 9 o'clock the Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. Thos. M. Griffith.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

Association met at 8:15 o'clock.

Devotional service was led by Rev. C. W. Webb.

At 8:30 o'clock the business of the Association was resumed with the Moderator in the chair.

Rev. T. H. Marsh presented the report of the Committee upon the work of the Baptist Young People's Union.

After a spirited discussion the report was referred back to the Committee for revision and amendment.

At 9 o'clock in place of a formal report upon Home Missions, Rev. S. C. Fulmer spoke upon the field, its importance and the outlook for the future as affecting our civilization for all time to come.

The Report of the Trustees was read and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

1. The Trustees of the Association respectfully report that the STRAWBRIDGE ANNUAL SERMON was preached by REV. J. J. MIDKIFF of New Stonington, in the Central Baptist Church in Springfield, on the second Sunday in October, 1901.

2. That the Strawbridge Fund of \$1,000 which was paid at maturity of loan, on the first day of May, 1901, and deposited in the Farmers' National Bank of Springfield, was re-invested on the 26th day of October, 1901, for a term of five years, secured by real estate mortgage, with interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum.

3. That we recommend that Rev. T. H. Marsh, of Jacksonville, be appointed to preach the STRAWBRIDGE ANNUAL SERMON on the second Sunday in October, 1903.

J. OTIS HUMPHREY,
EDWARD D. KEYS,
EDWIN S. WALKER,
Trustees.

The report of the Treasurer was read, and on motion of Rev. S. H. Bowyer it was referred to an auditing committee to be appointed by the Moderator.

The committee named were Brethren J. E. Saxton, C. W. Webb and L. A. Davidson.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Springfield Baptist Association,
In account with W. S. BARBER, Treasurer.

CREDIT.		
Sept. 3, 1901	By balance from report of 1901.....	\$73 00
Sept. 4, 1901	By cash received from Churches for Minutes.....	41 55
	Total amount received....	<u>\$114 55</u>
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Nov. 1, 1901	To cash paid Marqam & Co., for printing programs.....	\$7 00
Oct. 1, 1901	To cash paid Talbott & Co., for printing 1000 copies Minutes.	30 00
" "	To cash paid express and postage on Minutes...	4 55
" "	To postage on correspondence	1 00
" "	To cash paid Secretary of State for filing report of the Association	1 00
" "	To cash paid EDWIN S. WALKER for services as clerk.....	20 00
" "	To cash paid REV. J. J. MIDKIFF for preaching STRAWBRIDGE ANNUAL SERMON.....	25 00
Aug. 10, 1902	To cash paid for blank Church Letters, envelopes and postage.....	1 00
Sept. 1, 1902.	Balance on hand.	25 00
	Total.....	<u>\$114 55</u>

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. BARBER, *Treasurer.*

The Auditing Committee, after examining the report, endorsed it as follows:

Approved Sept. 4, 1902.

J. E. SAXTON,

C. W. WEBB,

L. A. DAVIDSON,

Committee.

The report was thereupon adopted.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

Committed on Home Missions—Rev. E. B. Rogers, N. A. Peabody, Miss Nell Mikel.

Committed on Foreign Missions—Rev. H. L. Winburne, Mrs. D. C. Gilmore, Rev. R. E. Burt.

Committed on State Missions—Rev. S. H. Bowyer, Rev. J. W. Primm, Rev. G. E. Milford, J. W. Brown, Rev. C. W. Webb.

Committed on Associational Missions—Rev. T. H. Marsh, Rev. E. B. Rogers, Treasurer, Rev. E. K. Shults, Rev. C. H. Ferrel, Rev. J. J. Midkiff, C. P. Rainey.

Committee on Sunday and Bible Schools—L. A. Davidson, Rev. G. W. Claxon, John T. Pennington, Mrs. H. C. Bower.

Committee on Program—Rev. John J. Roach, Mrs. W. H. Taylor, J. E. Saxton.

Rev. Edwin S. Walker, chairman of the committee, presented the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AGED MINISTERS' AND ORPHANS' HOMES.

Your committee would respectfully report the following:

Resolved, That the Baptist Ministers' Aid Society, with its Home for Aged and Dependent Ministers, and the Central Baptist Orphanage, are both worthy objects of Christian beneficence, and entitled to a more enlarged and

liberal support from all of our Baptist churches. That we recommend the taking of regular annual collections in aid of these worthy objects, which cannot but appeal to our warmest sympathies as a Christian people.

EDWIN S. WALKER,

G. W. CLAXON,

Committee.

The Clerk of the Association reported that pursuant to the action of last year relative to the system of army canteens, as embodied in Resolution 5. He sent copies of said resolution to our Representative and Senators in Congress, accompanied by letters to each of those gentlemen from two of whom he had received acknowledgment and reply. These communications were read and ordered printed in the minutes. They are as follows:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 11, 1901.

Edwin S. Walker, Clerk Springfield Baptist Association,
Springfield, Ill.

My Dear Sir:—

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 9th inst. handing me resolution adopted at the 64th Annual Meeting of the Springfield Baptist Association of which you are Clerk.

I am pleased to state to you, and through you to the membership of your Association, that the resolution submitted by your Association through you to me shall have my most careful consideration and attention. I am always pleased to hear from my constituents, especially when they desire to express themselves upon any material question which may or probably will come up before the body of which I am a member for consideration.

I am, Sir, and with kindest regards to the members of your Association,

BEN. F. CALDWELL,
M. C. 17th District, Illinois.

UNITED STATES SENATE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 24, 1902.

Mr. Edwin S. Walker,
Springfield, Illinois.

My Dear Sir:—

Your favor of recent date has this moment been received and noted. I have voted against the use of the army canteen and will probably do so

again, but I have sometimes been in great doubt what is the best way to protect the boys in the interest of temperance.

Sincerely yours,

S. M. CULLOM.

Rev. H. L. Winburne, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, presented the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, beg leave to report as follows:

1. *Be it Resolved*, That this Association urge upon pastors and churches the necessity of teaching our young people our distinctive and distinguishing doctrines.

2. That the pastors of our churches give what time they can to missionary work in the bounds of our Association where such work is seen to be needed.

3. That we indorse Shurtleff College and its work, and recommend that the churches co-operate with Bro. Norman Carr in his efforts to increase the endowment fund.

4. That we commend the efforts of the Anti-Saloon League to abolish the liquor traffic in our midst.

5. That we feel, and hereby express, our most hearty appreciation of the cordial and abounding hospitality that the Oreana Church and friends have shown this body during the session of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. WINBURNE,

JOHN J. ROACH,

Committee.

The report was adopted.

At 10:30 o'clock Rev. John J. Roach, of Decatur, preached a doctrinal sermon, setting forth at length the distinctive characteristics of Baptist as generally accepted by the denomination.

At 11 o'clock Rev. O. L. Swanson, a returned Missionary from Assam, India, addressed the Association upon his field of labor for the last nine years and his experience in the service. It is seldom that any audience has been, in an address of forty minutes, so fully informed in regard to practical missionary work done in foreign lands, and among alien peoples—



its methods, its discouragements, its encouragements and its results; or more deeply moved by the simple story of devoted service, and a consecrated life, as was the audience in the little country church at Oreana by this address. It is to be hoped, that while in this country for the recuperation of his health, Bro. Swanson may not only gain new vigor for his work upon his return to his field of labor in Assam, but that many of our churches may enjoy the privilege of hearing this devoted Missionary of the cross. Such a service as he is rendering while in this country cannot fail to inspire all who may listen to his story, with renewed zeal in the work of Foreign Missions.

At 11:40 o'clock business was resumed.

Rev. T. H. Marsh, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on the B. Y. P. U. as revised, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION.

We, your Committee on the work of the Baptist Young People's Union, beg leave to report as follows:

1. We believe in the Baptist Young People's Union. Properly conducted it is the most efficient method for the training of the young people in whom is the hope of the church in the future.

2. We deplore the lack of interest in the Christian Culture Courses, and we believe it is largely due to a lack of co-operation on the part of the Pastors. We therefore urge a more strenuous effort along the lines of systematic Bible study.

3. We believe that in order to the increase and perpetuity of the Baptist young People's Union, that the local Union owes a debt of loyalty to the National organization in supporting its educational course in preference to all others; and we deplore the tendency to displace this course by others of questionable character or inferior value.

4. We urge also a close fellowship between the younger and older membership in our churches. We urge the attendance of the young people at the regular prayer service of the church; and likewise the attendance of the older members at the regular young people's meetings.

T. H. MARSH,
E. K. SHULTS,
J. H. GUNN,

Committee.

The report was adopted.

Rev. T. H. Marsh, representing *The Standard*, spoke in its behalf and the suggestion was made that next year the churches report the number of religious newspapers taken.

Rev. E. B. Rogers read a Memorial, as prepared by the Clerk, of Rev. A. A. Kendrick, D. D., former President of Shurtleff College, and Dean of the Divinity School at Alton, which was ordered printed in the Minutes of the Association.

At 12 o'clock the Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. G. T. Markland.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met at 1:30 o'clock.

After brief devotional service Miss Clara E. Maguire, representing the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society, gave an interesting address upon the work of that Society among the colored people of the South and especially in her field at Memphis, Tenn.

At 2 o'clock Rev. S. H. Bowyer presented the report of the Committee on Sunday Schools and the Baptist Publication Society.

Rev. E. A. Stone spoke at some length upon the subject of Sunday School work and methods in advocacy of the report, which is as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

For our Bible Schools the Committee would make the following recommendations:

1. That the Church should have oversight of the school in selecting its officers, developing its work, and providing for its finances.
2. That all the offerings of the school, both regular and special, should be devoted to Missionary purposes, and be distributed by the direction of the church. We believe that such an arrangement would do two things. It would offer splendid Missionary training for the young and bring the whole church into closer touch with its teaching service.
3. That the teaching force in our schools be constantly strengthened; intelligent and spiritual men and women are more than ever, if possible, needed as teachers.

4. That very particular attention be given to the primary work.

Your Committee most heartily commend the work of our Publication Society and urge that its literature be taken in connection with the Sunday School work. Its periodicals and other publications we believe to be the very best. We believe it to be the duty of every church to contribute regularly to its Missionary Department.

S. H. BOWYER,
C. H. FERREL,
J. T. PENNINGTON,
Committee.

The Report was adopted.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION WORK.

At 3 o'clock there was a general conference upon the subject of Missionary work within the bounds of the Association. After a thorough discussion of the subject the Standing Committee on Missions was authorized, in pursuance of the plan adopted in 1900-1901 to ask the churches of the Association to contribute the sum of at least \$150, the amount to be apportioned among them by the Committee, for the prosecution of missionary work the coming year.

Representatives of several churches made pledges in their behalf, for this object, and it was understood that immediate steps be taken to carry out the plan contemplated.

Rev. T. H. Marsh was made chairman of the Committee, and Rev. E. B. Rogers, was made Treasurer of the funds to be collected.

The plan was unanimously adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEXT SESSION.

Rev. C. W. Webb, chairman of the Committee on Next Session, reported, recommending that the invitation of the church at Pleasant Plains be accepted, and that Rev. R. E. Burt of Pana, be appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon.

The report was adopted and the next session will be held with the church at Pleasant Plains on the first Wednesday and Thursday of September, 1903, to convene at 10 o'clock a. m. on Wednesday.

After a very harmonious and pleasant meeting the business of the session having been completed the Association adjourned.

JOSEPH B. ROGERS, *Moderator.*

EDWIN S. WALKER, *Clerk.*

MEMORIAL.



REV. A. A. KENDRICK, D. D., LL. D.

On the 7th of April, 1902, departed this life,

“Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him,
And lies down to pleasant dreams.”

From the conspicuous position which he occupied, as an eloquent preacher of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as an accomplished educator and distinguished College President, this Association would hereby place upon record its deep sense of loss, occasioned by his death. For twenty-three years he was President of Shurtleff College, and after an interval of two years, during which he served as Pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in St. Louis, he resumed his work at Shurtleff, as Dean of the Theological department, which position he filled until the time of his death.

In the closing of his career another of our most eminent denominational leaders has fallen at his post, and left as a rich heritage, the memory of his many noble qualities of both mind and heart.

The Clerk of this Association would fail alike in the duties of his office, and in those which a close and intimate friendship extending over a period of more than forty-five years would seem to impose, did he not also give expression here to his own sense of personal loss. At Rochester Theological Seminary we were fellow students. In the intervening years, we were in paths divergent, yet with common aims, bound through life by the strong ties of early college association and Christian service.

*“The Master called; and swift the summons came,
Down to that strong, that great and gentle soul.”*

EDWIN S. WALKER.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Association.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING.

At 2:45 o'clock p. m. the Society was called to order by the President, Mrs. E. B. Rogers.

After singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," Miss Clara L. Primm read a part of Ezk. 33 for a Bible lesson, and Mrs. D. C. Gilmore, of Henzada, Burma, offered prayer. After singing "Onward, Christian Soldiers" Mrs. Goltra, of Jacksonville, Mrs. Dimock, of Decatur, and Mrs. Winburne, of Taylorville, were appointed as a Nominating Committee to report at the Conference. Mrs. Martha V. Higman, of Chicago, State Secretary for the W. B. F. M. S. W., spoke of that organization for thirty minutes. The W. B. H. M. S. was briefly brought to our notice by Mrs. W. H. Taylor, of Springfield. Rev. Norman Carr spoke a few words of appreciation of the literature published by these two Societies. The hour having passed, the Society took a recess until 4:30 p. m.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE.

At 4:30 o'clock the women met for a conference. The time was very profitably spent; letters were read from the various circles in response to the roll. They contained much of encouragement and cheer. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Nominating Committee reported: For President, Mrs. E. B. Rogers; for Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Taylor, and they were duly elected.

Mrs. Gilmore gave us a description of the last Association she attended in Burma, and spoke briefly of her work there. Miss Primm prayed for the work and workers there. Miss Maguire of Memphis, Tenn., brought us a message from the Southland.

Adjourned.

MRS. W. H. TAYLOR,
Secretary.

MRS. E. B. ROGERS,
President.

THE
BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION
OF THE
SPRINGFIELD ASSOCIATION.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Rev. E. B. Rogers, of Springfield.

The Devotional Service was led by REV. G. E. MILFORD, of Stonington.

The Secretary and Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

Report of Committee in regard to holding quarterly rallies:

REV. T. H. MARSH, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the quarterly rallies be discontinued and a semi-annual rally be held in June.

An invitation to hold the semi-annual rally with the Loami B. Y. P. U. was accepted.

Rev. T. H. Marsh and Rev. C. W. Webb were appointed to decide as to the time in June for the semi-annual Rally.

A Nominating Committee was appointed, as follows:

Rev. S. H. Bowyer, Decatur; Rev. H. L. Winburne, Taylorville; J. W. Gunn, Loami.

Miss Clara L. Primm delivered a very interesting address on "The Student Volunteer Movement," after which, very fittingly, the song, "I'll Live for Him," was sung.

An address, "Get the Best," was very wisely discussed by President McKay, of Shurtleff College.

The Nominating Committee reported, recommending the following officers, and by vote they were declared duly elected:

President—REV. T. H. MARSH, Jacksonville.

Vice-President—REV. J. J. ROACH, Decatur.

Secretary and Treasurer—EMMA L. MALONE, Oreana.

Junior Superintendent—MISS MABEL HAYDEN, Jacksonville.

The session was closed with a very impressive Consecration Service, led by Rev. S. H. Bowyer.

EMMA L. MALONE, *Secretary.*

IN MEMORIAM

DEACON GEORGE HAYDEN.

In the death of Deacon George Hayden, of Jacksonville, the church in that city sustains the loss of one of the most influential and faithful members. Born in Gloucestershire, England, May 18, 1836, he emigrated with his parents to America when six years of age, and settled in Wisconsin. He located in Jacksonville in 1854 and entered into a successful business career in which he continued to the end of his life. In early life he became a Christian, and during his entire career he was noted for his business integrity and philanthropy.

As an officer of the church he was ever true and faithful to his profession and his trust. As a Christian he was without guile.

ASSUMPTION.

One member has died.

BERLIN.

One member has died.

SPRINGFIELD.

Mary Jane Nelson, Jessie Mitchell, Fred W. Mayhew, John L. Million, Wm. C. Foley, Orson E. Anderson, Mrs. James L. Church and Wm. H. Riley—eight members have died.

DECATUR.

Mary Bennett, Catherine Newsham, Bro. W. R. Massey.

JACKSONVILLE.

Samuel Wyatt, Mrs. Elizabeth Stout, Miss Elizabeth Daniels, Miss Lizzie English, Mrs. Mary A. Walker, Eddie Mayer and Deacon George Hayden.

LOAMI.

Two members have died.

MOWEAQUA.

Three members have died.

OREANA.

Two members have died.

PANA.

"On March 20, 1902, Deacon F. W. Stockbridge passed to his reward to the church triumphant."

SHELBYVILLE.

Miss Cora Farrow, Miss Belle King.

NEW STONINGTON.

One member has died.

TAYLORVILLE.

Three members have died.

ABSTRACT OF LETTERS.

ASSUMPTION—Rev. G. W. Claxon is still with us. He has been preaching the Gospel in its purity, and is trying to lead us up to larger usefulness. In November of last year, our Pastor was assisted in a two weeks' meeting by Bro. W. A. Matthews, of Paw Paw, Ill. The church was strengthened by his efforts. There have been six additions to the church. Our Sunday School is doing a good work under Brother S. E. Cushing as Superintendent. Our Ladies' Aid Society is a tower of strength in all church activities.

BERLIN—We are glad to meet with you again in another annual meeting. As a Church, we are doing as well as could be expected under existing circumstances. Since we last met with you in our Associational meeting, we have been without a pastor for about three months. On March 25th, Bro. C. W. Webb was called to our church as pastor, and on April 20 he begun his work with us. Since that time we have been doing fairly good work for the summer season. During the past year there have been 10 additions to the church by baptism and three by letter. There have been a few dismissed by letter, and there was one death, Brother Gabriel McDaniel, whom the Lord has called to his reward, and his life is well remembered by us for consistency in his Christian character. Our congregations have not been as large as they ought to have been, owing to a lack of interest by the church; so few have been feeling the burden of their duty, but there is an indication of this being overcome. We ask an interest in your prayers.

CHATHAM—We are glad to record God's goodness to us the past year. No one has been called away by death, though several have moved away, so that less than a score remain to carry on the work. We are repairing and painting our house of worship. We find the expense far greater than we anticipated. The total cost will be \$250. With much effort by canvassing much territory we have raised \$225. We hope the Lord will open the way for us to obtain the rest. With this on our hands and hearts we have raised for missions over \$50.00, for home expenses \$66.00. We have good congregations; Bible School of about 30.

CENTRAL SPRINGFIELD—The Central Baptist Church, by its messengers, sends Christian greeting, accompanied with an earnest prayer that the work of the Association will be such as to meet with the approval of our Heavenly Father. We rejoice to be able to report that even in these times of Christian apathy, our church is making progress in the Master's Vineyard. Our Pastor, Dr. E. B. Rogers, preached his tenth annual sermon in July last, which speaks well for both pastor and people. The faithful work wrought by him, and his faithful wife, together with our corps of active and earnest young people, makes our church one of the strong-holds in Zion. In May last Rev. J. B. Rogers, formerly of Moweaqua, was called by our church as Assistant Pastor. His time is devoted entirely to our two Missions, in each of which he preaches once every Sunday. A new impetus is being given to the work in our Missions under his ministrations. The statistics of the Central Church, and of the two Missions, which accompany this letter, will amply verify the good report which we are happy to make.

DECATUR—We are now laboring for the fifth year under the pastorate of our beloved brother, S. H. Bowyer. Truly the Lord's work is prospering under his hand. The societies of the church are laboring harmoniously and efficiently and are accomplishing the work whereunto they are called. During this year we have expended over ten thousand dollars. More than \$3,000 of this amount has been applied in payments on our new organ. One of our members, Dr. Garber, is a member of the Students' Volunteer movement, and expects to go and preach the Gospel to the heathen as a medical missionary. As a result of special meetings last winter, at our chapel, conducted by Rev. Jos. B. Rogers, and our Pastor, a goodly number were converted and have since become members of our church. Rev. E. S.

Stucker conducted a very profitable two weeks' meeting for us in December at the First Church. During the year Rev. R. C. Opie, who came to us from the Methodist ministry, was ordained as a Baptist preacher and is now the Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Edmunds, Oklahoma Territory. On the first day of June Bro. J. J. Reach began labor among us as Assistant Pastor, he having special charge of the work at East Park Chapel, where the prospects for efficient work under his leadership are especially encouraging.

DIAMOND GROVE—We are thankful to our Heavenly Father that we are permitted to meet you by letter and Messengers in this, our 65th anniversary. We feel that the Lord has blessed us the past year in sparing our beloved Pastor, Rev. D. D. Holmes, to still lead the little band, and also there seems to be more interest manifested on the part of the unsaved in attending church service. In the month of May last a small Sunday School was organized which has seemed to grow in interest, and we trust may be the means of doing much good.

JACKSONVILLE—The past year is one marked by growth and progress. Special meetings held in January, led by the Pastor, resulted in about thirty conversions. The seed sown then and faithful work since, is bearing rich fruit as shown by the continuing of baptisms to the present time. Our Sunday School is in a prosperous working condition. Our (Mission) Sunday School has an attendance of about 70, and the result is a growing and prosperous school. The B. Y. P. U. continues to grow and reports show it to be prosperous; we know this to be an efficient department of our church. The Juniors have worked nobly and their efforts are well directed. We have paid five hundred dollars on our Church indebtedness, leaving us a debt of one thousand dollars only on our church property. Seven of our members have died: Samuel Wyatt died Dec. 22, 1901; Mrs. Elizabeth Stout; Miss Lizzie English died Jan. 15, 1902; Miss Elizabeth Daniels died in July, 1902; George Hayden died July 20, 1902. In the death of Brother Hayden this Church sustains the loss of one of its most faithful and influential members. Eddie Mayer, baptized April 18, 1900, died July 21, 1902. Mrs. Mary A. Walker became a member July 16, 1882, died July 27, 1902.

LOAMI—We enjoyed the labors of Bro. James Osborn until last December, when he resigned. A revival meeting was held during his pastorate and as a result there were eight persons converted who united with the Church. On the 23d day of March we called Bro. John H. Gunn, who is now preaching for us half the time. Our Sunday School is interesting under the management of Bro. William Sturgis. The B. Y. P. U. is zealous and active and doing a good work.

MOWEAQUA—We are very thankful we again have the privilege of meeting with you in another annual association. As a Church we have enjoyed much of the unfailing goodness of God. We have not so favorable a report to make as we desire, especially in Mission work, yet there are ways in which we have been abundantly blessed. Nineteen have been received into the Church. Our former Pastor Joseph B. Rogers resigned the work here April 30th, 1902, to take charge of the Mission Churches at Springfield, Ill. After careful and prayerful consideration, the church extended a call to Bro. E. K. Shultz, of Sebree, Ky., who accepted and took charge of the work June 1st, 1902. We feel that the Lord has guided us in the choice of a Pastor, and we are glad as a Church to introduce him into this Association. With him as a leader we hope to do a good work for the Master. We now have two Mission Sunday schools, one at Walker and the other at Round Grove School House, the latter being organized July last. Both schools have good attendance. Pray for us that we may be of more service for the Master.

MORRISONVILLE—The Baptist Church of Morrisonville sendeth Christian greeting. Dear Brethren, we desire an interest in your prayers that our spiritual activity may be increased. The past year the church had no regular pastor. We are in great need of the same. We are not progressing as we should. We hold our business meeting each month, and prayer meetings weekly. Our desire is that in the near future we may secure a Pastor for the coming year.

OREANA—We heartily welcome the churches through their Messengers of this Association to our Church, our hearts and our homes. We, as Church, regret that we have not a better report to make of our year's work, but we have done the best we could under unavoidable circumstances. Our Pastor, L. C. Moore, closed his work here in April, and since then our pulpit has been filled by different ministers. The Church here called Rev. C. H. Ferrel, of Louisville, Ill., who accepted work and gave us first service August 10. We have in way of completion a neat, well-finished parsonage.

PANA—As a church we have much to be thankful for having been greatly blessed in the conversion of several people under the leadership of our Pastor in his earnest efforts, during the year just closed. On January 1, 1902, Bro. Farrar, of Louisville, Ky., assisted our Pastor in a series of meetings and our Heavenly Father greatly blessed the efforts. The membership was revived, and all lines of church work greatly revived. On March 20, 1902, Deacon F. W. Stockbridge passed to his reward to the church triumphant, and we deeply feel the loss.

PLEASANT PLAINS—We have had the services of Rev. J. W. Smith as Pastor one-half of the time until the middle of June. Since then he has been with us all of the time. We have not seen the results of our efforts during the year, as we had hoped, but feel that we are growing stronger and making some progress. Our Sunday School is fairly well attended. Prayer meeting is maintained with good interest. May the great head of the church preside over you in your deliberations. Pray for us. We cordially invite the Association to meet with us next year.

SHELBYVILLE—Herewith find the report from the church at Shelbyville. The records show that our total membership was reported in September, 1901, as 234. This was an error. Our membership was then only 194. The decrease to 170 at this time is largely caused by the action of the church in dropping from membership more than a score of names of persons who had seemingly lost all interest in the church, and who ignored all appeals for their return to spiritual life and duty. January 1st, 1901, the church called Rev. A. A. Todd as Pastor. He remained until July 1st, this year, when he resigned to take work in another field. Since then, the church has been, and still is, without a pastor. There is a general disposition to liquidate all indebtedness before assuming new financial burdens.

STONINGTON—As a church we have not seen, as yet, the result of the year's work, as we had hoped, and for which we had prayed, yet we have been blessed abundantly. We are carefully and prayerfully studying God's Word and consecrating our lives to the Master's service, that we may be better equipped for life's work. Our Pastor, Bro. Milford, has been with us three years. Since his coming among us our church has constantly grown in interest and in attendance. Our Sunday School has also made much progress, having nearly doubled its membership the past year. We feel that this has been the most fruitful year of the present pastorate, and the outlook for the church grows brighter from year to year.

NEW STONINGTON—We are permitted to report some progress and the continued favor of our Heavenly Father. While there have been marked evidences of progress, we think we can truly say, there have been showers of blessings also. With the beginning of April of this year, the church asked for all the time of its Pastor, who hitherto had given only one-half time. The generosity of one of our good brethren, who is a good steward of the manifold mercies of God, has enabled the church to take this advanced step. Quite a number of Baptist families have moved to our town, whom we have so far failed to interest in our church. Will the time ever come when dress parade Baptists can be utilized for the best interest of the church over against their own doors? What is to be done for resident members who will not, as per church covenant, co-operate with the church into whose presence they move? It still seems that "many are called, but few are chosen," and that few have chosen. We record with sadness the death of our good Sister, Mrs. O. J. Owen, who went home to the Father's House Aug. 22, 1902. She was faithful and useful, and will be greatly missed in the vineyard here. We pray that a double portion of her spirit may rest on those who are left to toil "till the day is done." Our Sunday School is better than ever before, with J. I. Owen as our efficient Superintendent. We invite the Association to meet with us next year.

TAYLORVILLE—The year now closing has been one of mingled joy and sorrow, victory and disappointment, to us. Our statistics will show the causes of these several emotions. Death has been busy among us, and stern necessity has compelled us to withdraw from some who have been partially active in the past. In spite of these things, however, our real strength has increased materially. We are able to report a gratifying growth in the church's spirituality and number of workers. Our Missionary contributions have increased more than two hundred per cent over last year. We find ourselves at present facing difficult problems, and hard tasks, but will trust to our Lord and sanctified common sense for their accomplishment.

ZENOBI—During the past year we have sustained regular preaching services each alternate Sabbath. Our Bible School has grown in numbers and interest. Our prayer meetings are not so well attended as they should be. There have been four additions to the church by baptism. All financial obligations have been promptly met. The spiritual condition of the church is better than a year ago. The attendance at our services is good. We are hoping for greater blessings during the coming year. May the blessings of God rest on you in all of your deliberations.

REPORTS OF HOME AND FOREIGN MISSION WORK of the Woman's Missionary Society of
The Springfield Baptist Association.

April 1, 1902.

CHURCH.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.	Female Members of Church	Members Mission Circle	Tidings Taken	Helping Hand Taken.	Cash contributed to the W. B. H. M. S. from Apr. 1, '01, to Apr. 1, '02	Value of work and goods sent to W. B. H. M. S.	Cash contributed to the W. B. F. M. S. W. from Sept. 1, '01, to Sept. 1, '02
Assumption	No Circle.	Mrs. Ella B. Warren.	6	7	4	\$16 10	3 00		\$15 00
Berlin	Mrs. P. N. Boynton.					15 45			
Chatham	No Circle	Fannie Crossman	43	6		22 00	\$30 00		
Decatur.	Mrs. Burwell.	Mrs. J. I. Owens.	40		5				88 51
Diamond Grove.	Mrs. Estella Jennison					4 75			1 25
Edinburg	No Circle.								
Jacksonville.	Mrs. Spires	Miss Mabel H. Goltra	25			55 00			
Loami.	Mrs. I. C. Coleman.	Miss E. Rawlings.	19	13					52 10
Morrisonville	No Circle.					5 00			
Moweauqua	No Circle.					65			65
Pleasant Plains	No Circle.								
New Stonington	No Circle.								
Oreana	Mrs. C. P. Rainey.	Mrs. H. C. Bower	39	5	3	15 40	2 00		7 75
Pana.	Mrs. G. M. Ludwick.	Mrs. W. J. Jordan	209	10		16 70			14 50
Shelbyville	Mrs. W. C. Headen.	Miss Elfa Stairwalt.	56	30	12	10 55	10 00		10 25
Springfield (Central)	Mrs. E. B. Rogers.	Mrs. H. A. McKeene.	58	15	20	103 17			88 26
Springfield (South).	Mrs. E. B. Elder.					4 95			
Stonington.	Mrs. Mary E. Duncan	Miss Ella Chapman.	57	15	2	25 38			25 44
Taylorville	Mrs. J. H. Kitzmiller.	Miss Daisy Mulberry.	200	22	6	25 00			4 25
Zenobia	No Circle								
Totals			552	214	49	\$319 90	\$42 00		\$310 96

The above figures are from April 1, 1901, to April 1, 1902.

Mrs. W. H. TAYLOR,
Secretary.

TABLE OF CHURCH STATISTICS.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	CLERKS WITH THEIR POST OFFICE.	PASTORS AND MESSENGERS.	GAIN.				LOSS.				Total Number..
			Baptism....	Letter.....	Experience..	Restored..	Letter.....	Excluded....	Erased.....	Died....	
Assumption.....	E. Howard.....	REV. G. W. CLAXON, B. G. Lucas, Miss May Cushing.....	3	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	132
Berlin.....	Rhea Maxwell, New Berlin.....	REV. C. W. WEBB, Dea. H. Pouch, Mrs. C. M. Gibson.....	10	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	164
Second Bethel.....	Miss Mary Aldrich.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chatham.....	John H. Neher.....	REV. E. B. ROGERS, and Mrs. E. B. Rogers, REV. J. B. R. GERS, Mrs. J. B. Rogers, John Pennington and wife, Geo. W. Taylor, Mrs. Frank Willer, Mrs. W. H. Taylor, Clara Primm, Mrs. D. C. Gilmore, Grace Swan, Lulu Neuman, Mrs. E. B. Elder.....	58	45	11	1	20	16	8	27	1,045
Central, Springfield.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Decatur.....	Jesse L. D. ck.....	REV. S. H. BOWYER, J. J. Roach, J. E. Saxton, W. A. Holman, Mrs. W. C. Dimock, Mrs. Burwell, Mrs. J. T. Owens, Mrs. Kriegbaum, Miss Bonnie Hutsinpfiler, Miss Nina Clark, Miss Nell Mehl.....	18	15	5	1	1	1	3	3	750
Diamond Grove.....	Emma F. Holmes, Jack'ville.....	REV. D. D. HOLMES—not present.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Edinburg.....	Miss Emma A. Kelley.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jacksonville.....	W. B. Pearson.....	REV. T. H. MARSH, Mrs. A. E. Goltra, Mrs. I. C. Coleman, Miss Stella Ball, Miss Nina Obermeyer.....	18	14	7	1	3	1	7	25	57
Loami.....	H. G. Campbell.....	J. W. Gunn, Licentiate.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	430
Moweauqua.....	Rosella Thomas.....	REV. E. K. SHULTS, L. A. Davidson, Ben McKinney, Rosella Thomas, Joseph Duncan, Joseph Thomas.....	2	22	4	1	16	3	2	77	356
Morrisonville.....	R. H. Pratt.....	No Delegates.....	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oreana.....	C. P. Rainey.....	REV. C. H. FERREL, C. P. Rainey, W. W. Merritt, Lydia Shastid, Alice Strope, Miss Emma L. Malone.....	.....	1	.....	.....	5	1	1	55	92
Pana.....	O. C. King.....	REV. R. E. BURT.....	42	13	2	.....	2	5	1	1	294
Pleasant Plains.....	E. D. Boynton.....	REV. J. W. SMITH, Milton Dunkel, M. T. Weir and wife, Miss Fannie Richardson.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	47
Providence.....	M. Bellamy, Stonington.....	No Report.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shelbyville.....	Walter C. Headen.....	No Pastor, or Delegate.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43
Stonington.....	Elta Chapman.....	REV. G. E. MILFORD and wife, Ella Chapman, Laura Sanders.....	3	5	1	.....	8	23	.....	.....	170
New Stonington.....	J. Irving Owen.....	REV. J. J. MCKIFF.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	131
Taylorville.....	Bessie Witherrill.....	REV. H. L. WINBORNE and wife.....	4	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52
Zenobia.....	W. F. Rich.....	REV. J. J. P. ALEXANDER.....	12	3	.....	.....	4	.....	2	3	352
.....	.....	.....	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	63
Totals.....	.....	.....	184	16	32	1	71	2	65	32	4,362

Pastors in SMALL CAPITALS; ordained Ministers in *italic*. P. O. address same as name of church, where not otherwise indicated.

TABLE OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND GENERAL STATISTICS.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.										CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS.										
NAME OF SCHOOLS	SUPERINTEN- DENTS.	Officers and Teachers	Schoiars..	Average Attendance	Scholars Baptized	S. S. Expenses..	Associational Missions	State Missions.	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Bible and Publication Society	Orphans' Home	Baptist Ministers' Home	Christian Education	Woman's Bands and Circles.		Miscellaneous .	Church Expenses	Church Property	Minutes
															Woman's Foreign Mis. Soc.	Woman's Home Mis. Soc.				
Assumption	S. E. Cushing	11	82	63	1	35 81	.....	12 67	12 20	8 03	\$ 12 44	.....	5 55	\$ 7 59	\$ 15 00	18 40	.....	980	4,500	2 00
New Berlin	Mrs. E. Clark	16	120	50	6	23 25	.....	11 00	5 18	.....	.....	.....	20 12	61 45	88 26	103 17	.....	598	4,500	1 50
Central Sprin'd	J. H. Collins	33	247	219	.....	279 50	.....	85 60	60 18	81 00	48 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 00	3,787	40,000	9 00
Central N. Cha'l	James Flood	20	150	147	.....	106 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 95	.....	.....	4,000	.....
Central S. Cha'l	Frank Lindsay	14	125	86	.....	65 00	.....	16 25	4 00	5 00	10 00	.....	2 00	25 00	90 00	18 70	1 00	66	1,500	50
Chatham	N. A. Nicoles	8	36	30	.....	15 00	.....	50 00	75 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 00	.....	10,425	47,000	5 00
Decatur	Owen Scott	46	378	346	.....	228 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,000	75
Decatur, E. P. M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 75	.....	.....	.....	.....
Diamond Grove	Dovie Smith, Jack'v'l	5	31	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 25	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	55 00	30 00	214	.....	.....
Edinburg	R. A. Blake	14	86	40	.....	66 00	.....	4 55	54 00	105 00	31 26	.....	28 00	33 80	52 00	.....	.....	2,470	20,000	3 00
Jacksonville	Frank H. Thomas	38	254	178	7	148 00	.....	51 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jack'v'e M.S.S.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	300	1,500	1 00
Loami	William Sturgis	7	40	30	2	25 00	.....	1 30	5 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,300	9,000	2 00
Moweaqua	L. A. Davidson	16	175	125	6	125 00	16 00	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mow'qua W.M's	.....	14	90	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,000	1 00
Morrisonville	Martha E. Pratt	11	60	52	.....	35 00	.....	9 00	9 30	4 65	14 30	.....	.....	4 30	6 89	16 46	18 50	460	4,000	2 00
Oreana	Mrs. H. L. Bowen	14	52	28	.....	40 00	.....	1 00	7 67	12 25	2 15	3 55	.....	.....	14 50	16 70	.....	950	7,000	1 50
Pana	O. C. King	15	140	120	40	70 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Providence	C. M. Lively, BlueM'd	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 40	2 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 8	2 80	.....	.....	.....	320	2,000	1 50
Pleasant Plains	D. H. Bohnert	8	40	34	.....	50 00	.....	9 74	22 14	7 41	18 50	.....	.....	7 30	10 25	10 35	8 40	900	5,000	2 00
Shelbyville	Walter C. Headen	13	92	60	1	64 00	.....	.....	47 15	40 00	5 00	.....	.....	15 00	25 44	25 35	17 01	660	3,500	2 00
Stonington	O. E. Briggs	11	60	50	1	20 00	.....	43 75	25 00	21 00	7 37	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	450	3,000	1 25	
New Stoningt'n	J. Irving Owen	8	76	40	3	80 00	.....	10 00	33 00	29 15	23 50	.....	.....	20 00	22 60	21 60	16 00	1,500	10,000	3 00
Taylorville	M. B. Leach	21	226	137	8	38 00	15 25	4 00	7 00	11 00	10 00	.....	5 00	3 00	.....	.....	30 09	260	1,500	1 00
Zenobia	W. F. Rich	10	70	50	4	38 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	.....	345	2630	1972	79	1540 00	335 05	316 00	377 00	340 00	4182 00	20 55	63 44	180 24	3326 28	3320 50	2120 90	225,800	5178,090	340 00

The Central Baptist Church organized the Dunlap Mission Bible School, at Cora, August 3, 1902, with an enrollment of 50 scholars and teachers. JAMES HUNTER, Superintendent, Springfield.

ANNUAL REPORT of the Baptist Young People's Societies of the Springfield Baptist Association for
Year ending July 1, 1902.

NAME OF CHURCH.	Name of Society.	NAME OF PRESIDENT.	NAME OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.	Date of Regular Election of Officers.	MEMBERS.			No. Members pur- suing Christian Culture Course.			No. Conversions Traceable to Our Work.	Money Raised for Young People's Work.	
					Active.	Associate.	Total.	Bible Reader's Course.	Conquest Mission- ary Course.	Sacred Literature Course.		Associa- tional Union.	State Union.
Assumption	O. Endeavor.	John Waddell.	W. B. Coughlin.	March—Sept.	50	5	55						
Decatur	B. Y. P. U.	Luther Smith.	Ethel Booth.	January—July.	60	6	66			17			
Jacksonville	"	Lucy Greer	W. E. Sturgis.	"	22	4	26						
Loami	"	Zella Thomas.	Lou Kiser.	"	80	5	85				6	\$	\$ 60
Moavequa	"	Emma L. Malone.	Mrs. H. C. Bower.	"	13	5	18		13	13	6		
Oreana	"	Elmer Vincent	Charlotte Leetham.	"	61	4	65						
Pana	"	C. E. Bolinger	Leola Mercer.	"	25		25				12	90	50
Shelbyville	Baptist Union.	U. G. Moore	Susan Vandercook.	January—July.	50		50						
Springfield	"	Clarence Handley.	J. F. Cassity	"	35		35						
S. Seventh St. Chapel.	O. Endeavor.	Mr. Booth.	Addie Hood.	"	41		41					3 00	3 00
Elliott Ave. Chapel.	B. Y. P. U.	Prof. Banta.	Margret Witherell	"	85	4	89						
Taylorville	"	Mark Sloman.	W. F. Rich.	"	14	8	22						
Zenobia	"												
Totals					536	41	577	13	13	30	36	\$5 00	\$5 00

JUNIOR STATISTICS.

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Assumption	Baptist Union.	Mrs. G. W. Claxon	W. B. Coughlin.	March—Sept.	19	19	38	6	6	6	6		
Jacksonville	"	Miss Lanes	Ethel Booth.	January—July.	33		33		33	33	5		
Pana	"	Pearl Gudeans	W. E. Sturgis.	"									
Shelbyville	"	Edna Corn	Lou Kiser.	"	40		40						
Springfield	"	Anna M. Willer	Mrs. H. C. Bower.	"	15	10	25	6	6	6			
Springfield—S. Chapel.	"	J. F. Cassity	Charlotte Leetham.	"	40	30	70						
Taylorville	"	Lou Shumway.	Leola Mercer.	"	15	10	25						
Totals					153	89	242	12	45	45	6		

Several of the largest societies failed to make reports, hence this table is incomplete.

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HELD WITH THE
PLEASANT PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH,
PLEASANT PLAINS, ILLINOIS,
SEPTEMBER 2 AND 3, 1903.

OFFICERS:

Moderator—REV. J. W. PRIMM.

Clerk—REV. E. S. WALKER.

Treasurer—J. E. SAXTON.

THE SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION will be held with the
Moweaqua Baptist Church, commencing on the first Wednesday
in September, 1904, at 10 o'clock A. M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS

SCHOOLS.	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Bible and Publication Society	Home Church Expenses
Assumption.....	\$ 2 25	\$ 2 00		\$ 6 50	
Central Springfield.....	7 07	7 28	\$10 36	37 98	\$ 50 00
Chatham				10 00	
Decatur		10 10	5 00	25 80	
Jacksonville			5 00	7 00	163 50
Loami					25 00
Morrisonville		10 00			
Pana	5 00				
Shelbyville... ..	1 80	1 38		1 30	
Stonington				4 25	
Taylorville		10 00	10 00		
Totals.....	\$ 16 12	\$40 76	\$30 36	\$92 83	\$238 50

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TRUSTEES:

EDWARD D. KEYS,

J. OTIS HUMPHREY,

EDWIN S. WALKER.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

HOME MISSIONS.

REV. S. H. BOWYER, *Chairman*. DR. N. H. GORDON, MISS ELLA CHAPMAN.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

REV. E. B. RODGERS, *Chairman*.

REV. R. E. BURT.

STATE MISSIONS.

REV. T. H. MARSH, *Chairman*. REV. P. S. HEALD, REV. LEON W. SLOAN.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

REV. J. B. ROGERS, *Chairman*.

REV. E. K. SHULTS.

H. A. HOOVER.

JOHN SLOMAN.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

REV. J. J. MIDKIFF,

MRS. H. C. BOWER.

JOHN T. PENNINGTON.

COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM.

REV. E. S. WALKER.

MRS. W. H. TAYLOR.

J. E. SAXTON.

MINISTERS WITH THEIR POSTOFFICE ADDRESSES;

ALEXANDER, J. P.....Auburn
BOWYER, S. H.....Decatur
BURT, R. E.....Pana
CHAPIN, W. J.....Chatham
FERREL, C. H.....Oreana
FINLEY, J. T.....Decatur
HOOVER, H. A.....Latham
HOLMES, D. D.....Jacksonville
HEALD, P. S.....Shelbyville
MARSH, T. H.....Jacksonville
MIDKIFF, J. J.....Stonington

MYERS, J. W., *Licentiate*. Stonington
PRIMM, J. W.....Springfield
ROGERS, E. B.....Springfield
ROGERS, J. B.....Springfield
SHULTS, E. K.....Moweaqua
SLOAN, LEON W.....Assumption
SMITH, J. W.....Pleasant Plains
SCOTT, A. H.....Springfield
THOMAS, JOSEPH.....Moweaqua
TITTERINGTON, J. M...Rochester
WALKER, EDWIN S....Springfield

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

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MINUTES

OF THE

SPRINGFIELD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

1903.

The Springfield Baptist Association met with the Pleasant Plains Baptist Church on Wednesday, September 2, 1903.

At 10 o'clock a. m., the Association was called to order by the Moderator, REV. J. B. ROGERS of Springfield.

The Rules of the Association were read by the Clerk.

The Moderator appointed a *Committee on Nomination of Officers and Trustees*, consisting of Rev. E. K. Shults, Rev. E. B. Rogers and Rev. J. J. Midkiff.

An invitation was extended to visiting brethren and sisters representing Missionary, Benevolent and Educational organizations to seats in the Association.

The following were present: Rev. C. B. Antisdell, Missionary of the American Baptist Missionary Union to the Congo Free State; Rev. A. L. Lockert, of Ottawa, Ill., representing the Baptist Ministers' Aid Society; Rev. E. P. Brand of Normal, Ill., Superintendent of State Missions; Miss Ergenzinger, Missionary of the Woman's Home Mission Society; Rev. R. Wiley, of the Central Illinois Association, Ashland, Ill.; Rev. W. J. Couch, of East St. Louis, representing "The Central Baptist."

At 10:30 o'clock the INTRODUCTORY SERMON was preached by Rev. R. E. Burt, of Pana, from the text, Zachariah, Chap. IV, Verse 6: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

Theme: "*The Office of the Spirit of God, in the Work of His People.*"
This was discussed.

1. God's perfect will.
2. God's perfect righteousness.
3. In order to successful work, our plans must accord with God's plans.

11 o'clock. The Committee on Nomination of Officers and Trustees reported the following:

Moderator—REV. J. W. PRIMM.

Clerk—REV. EDWIN S. WALKER.

Treasurer—J. E. SAXTON.

Trustee—For three years, EDWARD D. KEYS.

On motion of Rev. T. H. Marsh, the report was accepted and the vote of the Association was cast by Rev. E. P. Brand, for the persons named, and the officers declared duly elected.

11:15 o'clock: On motion, the welcome of the Association was extended to the new pastors, Rev. Prescott S. Heald, of Shelbyville; Rev. Leon W. Sloan, of Assumption, and Rev. H. Weddington, of Berlin, by Rev. E. B. Rogers.

The program, as printed, was adopted.

The letter from the Pleasant Plains Church, welcoming the Association to its hospitalities, was read and following this other letters from the churches, were read, the Clerk being assisted by Rev. T. H. Marsh.

At 12 o'clock the Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. J. Midkiff.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met at 1:30 o'clock. A service of song, led by Rev. J. W. Smith, with reading of Scripture and prayer, by Rev. Joseph B. Rogers and others occupying half an hour, with spiritual profit.

The Moderator resuming the chair, the reading of church letters was concluded.

At 2:15 o'clock Rev. E. P. Brand, Superintendent of State Missions, made an extended address, setting forth the conditions of the field, its

needs, and the work accomplished during the past year, as also plans for future work, at strategic points, which invite our more liberal support, in the work of evangelization.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Of our 1,200 Churches in Illinois, about 400 have received aid from the State Mission Board. The rapid increase in populaion and the large influence of Illinois, in world-wide affairs, demand the most vigorous missionary work. We recommend that the Churches endeavor to make up the amount of their respective apportionments as requested by the General Association for the coming year.

J. W. PRIMM of the *Committee*.

At 3 o'clock th Moderator appointed the following Committees for the Session:

Committee on Resolutions—Rev. E. B. Rogers, Rev. E. K. Shults, Dr. N. R. Gordon.

Committee on Baptist Ministers' and Orphans' Homes—Rev. E. S. Walker, Rev. J. J. Midkiff.

Committee on Baptist Young People's Union—Rev. Joseph B. Rogers, Rev. P. S. Heald, S. E. Cushing.

Committee on Next Session—Rev. J. W. Smith, Rev. R. E. Burt, W. H. Barnett.

At 3:30 o'clock, after a recess of ten minutes, the Moderator vacated the chair for the time, giving place to the Woman's Missionary Society of the Association for the holding of its Twenty-Second Annual Session with Mrs. E. B. Rogers presiding.

With the closing of its Session the Association adjourned with prayer.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION.

Association met pursuant to adjournment at 7:30 o'clock.

Devotional services for thirty minutes led by Rev. E. K. Shults of Moweaqua.

At 8 o'clock REV. C. B. ANTISDELL, Missionary of the American Baptist Missionary Union, in the Congo Free State, gave a most interesting address upon his field of labor in Africa for the past ten years. It is seldom that an audience has the opportunity to learn so much concerning a country, a people, and the true condition of a heathen land, in its physical, its moral and its intellectual condition, as was crowded into this ad-

dress of fifty minutes. Not only for its subject matter, but for the underlying spirit of devotion, which was breathed through it, and the eloquent portrayal which our brother gave of the conditions of missionary service. The address made an impression upon his audience which can not fail to be deep and abiding.

At 9 o'clock the Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. E. B. Rogers.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

Association met at 8:15 o'clock.

Devotional service was led by Rev. P. S. Heald.

At 8:30 o'clock the business of the Association was resumed with the Moderator in the chair.

Rev. E. B. Rogers presented the report of the Committee on Home Missions, following the same with a masterly address of twenty minutes upon "The Mission Field, the Workers and the Work."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions reports: There seems to be a Laodicean lethargy in all our Churches, as to the present condition of affairs in our country. In the heart of the world, we are, also, at the heart of great material prosperity, and our prosperity has blinded us to the real needs of the hour. As a nation we are letting go of the things which make for national stability. We seem to have forgotten that that nation, and that nation only, can last, whose God is the Lord. We have substituted the calf of gold for the God of our Fathers, and hence, there has been a decadence of real power. What is the trouble?

1st. Religious lethargy on the part of Christians. Zebedee's wife goes to Church, and sometimes takes the boys, but where is Zebedee?

2d. Our old, strong, manly ideals of right and wrong, have undergone a change. Religious radicalism has softened into a semi-religiousness which is altogether too gelatinous for strong work.

3d. Immigration is turning the stomach of the Republic. Those who come to us now, are for the most part incapables and inefficients, men and women, who are empty in intellectual capacity and absolutely wanting in morals. Southern Europe, and Southern Italy at that, is unloading its basest born on our shores. Upwards of two hundred and thirty thousand emigrants came from this clime of moral night, during the past year,

bringing with them the continental idea of the Lord's Day, the Communist's view of property, the Nihilist's conception of government, and the Pagan's no-religion. The steerage passage of the great steamship companies is the sewer through which this corruption oozes, every drop of which is poisonous leaven, that is getting in its work, on our American meal. Result: Neglect of the Sabbath day on the part of thousands, positive fracture of the holy privileges of God's holy day on the part of other thousands, antagonism to our splendid public school system, strong aid to the liquor traffic, and un-Americanism in all its details.

Settling in our cities this anarchistic, ignorant, base, horde corrupts all it touches. The wards, where they brood and breed are nurseries of crime and hotbeds of indecency, rank with infidelity and treason.

What is to be done? Nominal piety will not serve to Christianize these hordes, now invading our shores. Men and women who prefer amusement to Christian work, are of no avail here. Stewards of the Lord's cash who hold it until generosity shrivels into stinginess; these are of no account.

Men whose business monopolizes all their time and energy, so that they have no strength for Church effort, have no force in Christian service. What then? Hold up God, a universal Sovereign, a Father King, a God to serve, as well as to save.

The flag of our Republic has been held aloft by godly men, and if it keeps floating, unstained in its beauty, untarnished by defeat, its holders must still be men of God's support by prayer and interest and offerings our Home Mission Society in all its varied departments of work.

What is needed? Not so much a larger quantity, but a finer quality of Christians.

What is needed? More Simons from Cyrene.

We urge the formation of clubs of subscribers for the "Home Mission Monthly." We urge a candid, careful annual presentation of the work accomplished by our Home Mission Society. We urge generous contributions for its work.

EUCLID B. ROGERS, *Chairman*.

The report of the Trustees was read and adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

1. The Trustees of the Association respectfully report that the STRAWBRIDGE ANNUAL SERMON was preached by REV. H. L. WINBURNE of Taylorville, in the Central Baptist Church in Springfield on the second Sunday in October, 1902.

2. That the accrued annual interest of \$50.00 on the Strawbridge Fund of \$1,000 was collected on the 26th day of October, 1902, and duly reported and paid to the Treasurer.

3. That we recommend that Rev. E. B. Rogers of Springfield be appointed to preach the STRAWBRIDGE ANNUAL SERMON on the second Sunday in October, 1904.

EDWIN S. WALKER,
J. OTIS HUMPHREY,
EDWARD D. KEYS,
Trustees.

The Treasurer's report was also presented, read and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Springfield Baptist Association,

In account with J. E. SAXTON, Treasurer.

		CREDIT.	
1902.			
Sept. 10.....	By balance from report of 1902..	\$25.00	
Oct. 27.....	By cash received from Trustees of Strawbridge Fund	50.00	
Oct. 4.....	By cash received from Churches for Minutes.....	40.00	
"	By cash from Pleasant Plains Church for Christian Education ..	2.80	
"	By cash from Pleasant Plains Church for Baptist Ministers' Aid Society.....	2.82	
"	By cash from Assumption Church for Baptist Ministers' Aid Society.....	5.50	
"	By cash from Chatham Church for Baptist Ministers' Aid Society	2.00	
	Total amount received.....		\$128.12
		DEBTOR.	
1902.			
Sept. 1.....	To cash paid for printing 250 programs for 1902	\$3 25	
30.....	To cash paid Edward H. Hamann for printing 1,000 copies of the Minutes of the Association	30.00	
" 29.....	To cash paid L. A. Abbott, Treasurer Shurtloff College.....	2.00	
Oct. 9.....	To cash paid Baptist Ministers' Aid Society.....	10 32	
Sept. 26	To cash paid express charges on Minutes	3.59	
26.....	To cash for postage on Minutes and correspondence....	1.81	
" 30.....	To cash paid EDWIN S. WALKER for services as clerk	20.00	
Oct. 11.....	To cash paid REV. H. L. WINDBURN for preaching STRAWBRIDGE ANNUAL SERMON.....	25.00	
1903.			
Aug. 10.....	To cash paid for blank Church letters, envelopes and postage...	1.00	
" 10.....	To cash paid for printing 1,000 programs for 1903.....	5.00	
Sept. 1.....	Balance on hand..	25 35	
	Total		\$128.12

J. E. SAXTON, *Treasurer.*

STANDING COMMITTEES.

At 9 o'clock the Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

Committee on Home Missions—Rev. S. H. Bowyer, Dr. N. H. Gordon, Miss Chapman.

Committee on Foreign Missions—Rev. E. B. Rogers, Rev. H. Weddington, Rev. R. E. Burt.

Committee on State Missions—Rev. T. H. Marsh, Rev. P. S. Heald, Rev. Leon W. Sloan.

Committee on Associational Missions—Rev. J. B. Rogers, Rev. E. K. Shults, H. A. Hoover, John Sloman.

Committee on Sunday Schools—Rev. J. J. Midkiff, John T. Pennington, Mrs. H. C. Bower.

Committee on Program—Rev. Edwin S. Walker, Mrs. W. H. Taylor, J. E. Saxton.

Rev. A. L. Lockert, representing the Baptist Ministers' Aid Society, briefly addressed the Association.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AGED MINISTERS' AND ORPHANS' HOMES.

Your Committee would respectfully report the following:

That we reaffirm our confidence and interest in the Baptists' Ministers' Aid Society, and its Home at Fenton, Michigan, and the Central Baptist Orphanage, and commend them as worthy of our liberal support.

E. S. WALKER,

M. DUNKEL,

J. J. MIDKIFF,

Committee.

Rev. J. B. Rogers, Chairman, presented the Report of the Committee on Baptist Young People's Union.

Rev. E. B. Rogers, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, presented the following:

COMMITTEE REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS.

Be it Resolved: 1. That we recommend that each Church permits its pastor to go out for a week's work, including Sunday, with some needy field in the Association.

2. That we urge the pastors to make an annual presentation of the work and accomplishment of each of our great denominational organizations, and that an annual offering be taken by each Church for each of the same.

3. That we give our hearty thanks to the Baptists and other citizens of Pleasant Plains for the generous hospitality extended to us during this session.

4. That the Anti-Saloon League, and its work, commends itself to us, as worthy of our practical aid.

WHEREAS, It is persistently reported and generally believed that polygamy or polygamous co-habitation are encouraged, protected and practiced with the authoritative sanction of the First Presidency of the Twelve Apostles of the Mormon Church, and

WHEREAS, Such encouragement, protection and practice is in direct violation of solemn pledges and compacts made by this governing quorum of the Mormon Church, as well as contrary to the will of the American people, and

WHEREAS, Reed Smoot, one of the Twelve Apostles, a body of men, which is directly responsible for the continuance of polyamorous conditions in Utah, has been elected to the office of United States Senator, and

WHEREAS, It is asserted that Apostle Smoot is bound by solemn and sacred oath to give first allegiance to the will of the First Presidency of the Apostles, to which he wholly belongs,

THEREFORE, we urgently petition the Senate of the United States to exclude Apostle Smoot from its counsels, and to take such initiative as may be necessary to secure for the people of the United States an amendment to the Constitution making polygamy and polygamous co-habitation a crime against the organic law of the land; furthermore, be it

Resolved, That a copy of this petition be sent to the President of the Senate, to Senator Burrows, Chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, and also to each of the United States Senators from our state, duly signed by the officers of this Association.

E. B. ROGERS,

E. K. SHULTS,

Committee.

The report was unanimously adopted.

At 10:30 o'clock REV. EDWIN S. WALKER preached a sermon from the text, Romans 1-16, which, by vote of the Association, was ordered printed with the minutes.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION WORK.

The report of the Committee on Associational work for the past and the coming year is as follows:

"We, your Committee on Associational Missions, respectfully report that at the beginning of last year it seemed best not to begin to raise

money for this work until there should be some call for work. Our first and only request came from Diamond Grove Church. We sent Brother Davis to this point. The field was a hard one, and the success most gratifying. A number were converted and five were added to the Church by baptism.

Later in the year there came a call from the Chatham Church for aid in support of a pastor, and we recommend that the application be referred to the State Board, as properly coming under its sphere of work.

It should be a source of great concern to this body that such a small number of baptisms are reported for last year. As your retiring Committee would urge upon Churches and Pastors a more prayerful and determined evangelistic effort for the coming year.

Adopted.

T. H. MARSH, *Chairman.*

In the discussion of the above report, work for the coming year was taken into consideration, and the following plan adopted:

"That our Committee on Associational Missions may be able to do more work, and more efficiently, we, the following named ministers in the Springfield Association hereby tender our services, without compensation, to hold, or assist in holding one meeting during the Associational year under the direction of said Committee.

At such meetings collections are to be taken, and all sums of money which may be contributed, are to be placed in the hands of the Committee, to be used as to them may seem best.

Any one who shall hold any meeting, under the above plan, shall be allowed and paid, the amount of his actual expenses, and no more, for the labor thus performed."

Signed: E. K. Shults, E. B. Rogers, R. E. Burt, J. B. Rogers, P. S. Heald, John H. Gunn, Leon W. Sloan, C. H. Ferrell, J. W. Smith, T. H. Marsh, J. J. Midkiff, J. W. Primm, H. Weddington.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS COMMITTEE.

1902

Received.

Oct. 6—S. H. Bowyer, Treasurer	\$38.73
Oct. 8—E. S. Walker, for Pleasant Plains Church.....	2.80
Total	\$41.53

Paid Out.

Oct. 6—W. J. Chapin, Chatham	\$25.00
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March 11—J. H. Davis, work at Diamond Grove	16.53
	————\$41.53

E. B. ROGERS, *Treasurer of Committee.*

At 12 o'clock the Association adjourned.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met pursuant to adjournment at 1:30 o'clock. Devotional services were led by Rev. W. F. Thompson, of Petersburg.

At 2 o'clock Moderator in the chair.

The request of the Chatham Church for assistance in support of a pastor, was by vote, referred to the Superintendent of State Missions, as properly coming within the sphere of the work of the General Association. Rev. W. J. Couch of East St. Louis, representing "The Central Baptist," spoke in behalf of the circulation of that paper, and Rev. J. B. Rogers, representing "The Standard," urged the importance of an increased circulation in all our Churches.

REPORT ON BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

For our Bible Schools, the Committee would recommend the following:

"Resolved, That this Association commends the work of the American Baptist Publication Society and that we urge our Churches and Sunday Schools to take its periodicals and publications, and to contribute regularly to the support of its Missionary Department."

Adopted.

At 2:45 Rev. P. S. Heald spoke in behalf of Shurtleff College.

At 3 o'clock Prof. J. H. Collins, of Springfield, gave a most instructive and interesting address on Bible School work, advocating and urging the adoption of more effective and improved methods in the teaching of the word of God. As illustrating his subject, he spoke at length of his recent visit to the Canadian province of Nova Scotia, where he observed the excellent method there already in vogue.

At 3:30 o'clock, after a brief recess, the Rev. Mr. Wiley, of the Central Illinois Association, delivered a sermon founded upon Philippians II-9, subject, THE EXALTATION OF CHRIST.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION.

1. We heartily endorse the B. Y. P. Union Society, regarding it as the Church at work, training her young people for service in the Christian life.

We believe it affords excellent opportunity for the cultivation of good fellowship in the Church, among the various classes and conditions in life, mingling in a common brotherhood, helping and being helped.

2. The Christian culture courses afford excellent incentives, and means, for the study of Bible truth, Christian experience and missionary

achievement. We urge all Young People's Societies to pursue one or more of these courses, and urge pastors to lead in the formation of such classes.

3. We recognize the gap which opens at the period of transition, from the Junior or intermediate, to the Senior class work and will hail with pleasure the solution of the problem which confronts the Bible School and Young People's workers.

4. WHEREAS, The Associational officers have had great difficulty in securing responses from local officers, it is earnestly requested that each Union see that full and prompt answers be made to all correspondence.

5. We recommend that the young people give pastor and Church loyal support, and especially to sustain their efforts at mission points, and that contributions be made towards Associational, State and International work.

JOSEPH B. ROGERS, *Chairman*.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The past year has been one of the most prosperous in the history of the Foreign Missionary work.

The recent report of the American Baptist Missionary Union shows that we have the following mission stations:

In Burma, 27; in Assam, 11; in South India, 24; in China, 14; in Japan, 9; in the Philippines Islands, 2; in Africa, 8; with a total of 1,059 organized Churches. We have also missionaries in France, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Denmark, Russia and Spain.

The total amount expended during the past year, in support of this work was \$671,000 and besides this sum several thousand dollars of indebtedness was fully paid off.

Your Committee would urge an increase in missionary offerings the coming year in order that the work of giving the Gospel to the world may be extended to new places, where "the isles are waiting for his word" that the heathen, which are his inheritance, may hear the joyful sound of the Gospel of Christ and be saved.

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. BURT, *Chairman*.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEXT SESSION.

Rev. R. E. Burt, Chairman of the Committee on next Session reported recommending that it be held with the Church at Moweaqua and that the INTRODUCTORY SERMON be preached by Rev. P. S. Heald, of Shelbyville.

The report was adopted and the next Session will accordingly be held on the first Wednesday and Thursday of September, 1904, with the Church at Moweaqua, convening at 10 o'clock a. m. Wednesday.

The business of this Session having been completed, the Association adjourned at 4 o'clock with prayer by Rev. J. B. Rogers.

EDWIN S. WALKER,
Clerk.

J. W. PRIMM,
Moderator.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Association.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING.

At 3:30 o'clock p. m., the Society was called to order by the President, Mrs. E. B. Rogers, with the grand old hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign." A Scripture lesson was read from the 55th chapter of Isaiah, and Miss Emma Malone, of Oreana, and Miss Lulu Neuman, of Springfield, offered prayer.

A Nominating Committee, consisting of Mrs. Stebbins, of Jacksonville; Miss Chapman, of Stonington, and Mrs. Ferrel, of Oreana, was appointed to report at the Conference. Miss Vandercook, of Springfield, read a most excellent paper on the "Financial Aspect of Foreign Mission," which was of interest to every one present. Miss Fredricka Ergenzinger, a Missionary among the Germans of Detroit, Mich., spoke for thirty minutes about the work of the Women's Baptist Home Mission Society and of her own labors for the last ten years among the emigrants in this country. Miss Ergenzinger has had a rich and varied experience and she portrays it to her hearers very vividly. The annual collection for the two women's societies was taken and the meeting adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. B. Rogers.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE.

The Woman's Conference convened at the M. E. Church Thursday morning at 8:30 o'clock. Mrs. E. R. Melton, of St. Louis, offered prayer, the minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The Nominating Committee reported for President, Mrs. E. B. Rogers, Springfield; Vice President, Mrs. L. A. Coleman, Jacksonville; Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Taylor, Springfield. The report was adopted and they were declared duly elected. Letters or verbal reports were given from most of the Circles of the Association. Methods of work were discussed. Miss Ergenzinger spoke of her work and in a very informal manner we drew nearer to one another and to the work than we have been before and felt that it was "good to be there." Adjourned with prayer by Mrs. J. B. Rogers.

MRS. W. H. TAYLOR,

MRS. E. B. ROGERS,

*Secretary.**President.*

THE
BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION
OF THE
SPRINGFIELD ASSOCIATION.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION.

The meeting was opened with Devotional Service, led by Miss Lulu Neuman, of Springfield.

Scripture reading 1st Cor. 12.

The Secretary and Junior reports were read and adopted.

A Nominating Committee was appointed as follows: Rev. J. B. Rogers, Springfield; Miss Clara L. Primm, Springfield; Rev. P. S. Heald, Shelbyville.

Rev. E. K. Shults, of Moweaqua, awarded the Junior Banners to the following Societies, for the best work done in C. C. C. work.

The Jacksonville Society receiving C. M. C., Assumption, B. R. C., and Springfield S. L. C.

As this is the third consecutive year that Jacksonville and Assumption have received their banner, it is theirs to keep in their local Society.

The Nominating Committee reported, recommending the following officers, and by vote they were declared duly elected:

President—REV. T. H. MARSH, Jacksonville.

Vice President—S. E. CUSHING, Assumption.

Secretary and Treasurer—EMMA L. MALONE.

Junior Superintendent—LULU NEUMAN, Springfield.

Rev. Geo. H. Simmons, of Peoria, delivered the address of the evening; it was very inspiring.

This session was closed with Consecration Service, led by Rev. T. H. Marsh.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Mr. Antisdell, of Congo, Africa

EMMA L. MALONE, *Secretary.*

IN MEMORIAM.

BERLIN.

Brother John Conklin, Sister Alice Jarrett.

CHATHAM.

Sister Maranda Brownell.

SPRINGFIELD.

Thirteen members have died.

DECATUR.

John McGlennen, Sarah Anderson, Frances Conradt.

DIAMOND GROVE.

Sister Lillie Vasey.

JACKSONVILLE.

Brother Edwin Hayden, a member for forty-seven years, who served the Church faithfully and conscientiously in various official capacities; Maurice Justice, Frank H. Stebbins, Myrtle Shepherd, Mary McGillis, Mrs. Sarah Scott, Mrs. Mary Cowdin, Samuel C. Waters and John L. Johnson.

MOWEAQUA.

Three members have died

MORRISONVILLE.

One member has died.

PANA.

Five members have died.

PLEASANT PLAINS.

Brother Daniel Fink.

STONINGTON.

Brother R. G. Williams.

ZENOBIA.

One member has died.

ABSTRACT OF LETTERS.

ASSUMPTION--We are glad to report that the Lord is still with us, and that our Church is prospering. Brother G. W. Claxon having resigned as pastor the first of March, Brother Leon W. Sloan was called by the Church, and came to us the first of August. There have been eighteen additions to the Church during the year. Our Sunday School has prospered under the supervision of Brother S. E. Cushing. Our Ladies' Aid Society is efficient in all Church work.

BERLIN--We rejoice in peace, fellowship and the preaching of the word. The past year has not been one of ingathering, but God has blessed us. Rev. C. W. Webb closed a nine months' pastorate with us Jan. 20, 1903. Rev. H. Weddington accepted a call of the Church and began work with us in June. We are looking on the field with supplication and thanksgiving to God. Our preaching services, prayer meetings and Sunday School are fairly well attended.

OLD BETHEL--It has been several years since we met with you by letter or messenger. We have had no regular preaching services but have maintained a successful Bible School. Many of our members have moved away and their places filled on the farms by Lutherans and Catholics. This change in our population formed a most discouraging feature of our position. We desire, however, to begin active work anew, and desire through Rev. J. B. Rogers to ask that this Church be restored to membership in the Springfield Baptist Association.

CHATHAM--In March last Brothers Rodman and C. E. Henry spent two weeks with us; quite an interest was manifested. A number were added to the Church, most of them young people. Our beloved pastor, W. J. Chapin, feeling the increasing weight of years, has handed in his resignation. We desire in this connection to express our high appreciation of his work on this field with but meagre compensation. He has been untiring in his efforts to build up the cause of Christ and holds a warm place in the hearts of the people, more especially the older members of the Church. The Church has called Re. Charles E. Henry, of Missouri, as pastor, for one-half the time for the ensuing year.

CENTRAL SPRINGFIELD--For great results from this Associational meeting, the Central Church has been praying, and now sends you our beloved messengers, bearing this, our Christian greeting, and our blessing, in the name of the Master. Rev. E. B. Rogers, our much beloved Pastor, is doing a great work for God in the Capital City. Our Assistant Pastor, Rev. J. B. Rogers, has greatly endeared himself to us during the fifteen months he has been with us. The home of culture, the humble cottage, the lowly hovel, have been to him as common ground, for Jesus sake, and wherever there has been a soul to save, a sad heart to cheer, an outstretched hand to grasp in sympathy and love, there he has been found, an earnest worker. We have now, the main Church, centrally located, the Elliott Avenue Chapel one mile north, the South Seventh Street Chapel, one mile south, both convenient houses of worship; and during the past year another Mission has been started one mile east of the Central Church, which is under the immediate charge of the Assistant Pastor, and is having a good effect upon a part of the city where religious work is sadly needed,

DECATUR--At the close of another years work we can say with glad hearts that the Lord has been with us and blest us abundantly. We find our Church in good condition, both spiritually and financially. During the year but little has been said about finances, and at the same time, our financial needs for the current

year have been nicely provided for by our membership. Our books show that of the Lord's money we have collected \$10,292.63 and expended \$10,236.32. At our last Annual Meeting we adopted a cash business basis for our work during the year, and as a result we expect to end the current year without any additional indebtedness. We are fast concluding that if we are spiritually active our finances will be provided with but little difficulty. While the number added to the Church during the year has been smaller than we had hoped, yet we believe we can see in our membership that condition which portends a true revival in our spiritual work. During the year we have ordained our beloved brother, John J. Roach, to the gospel ministry, who a year ago was our Assistant Pastor, but who since has been called to fields of greater usefulness. Our beloved Pastor, Rev. S. H. Bowyer, is now on his sixth year of service among us, and we are glad to say, that we believe we are now closing our best year of work.

DIAMOND GROVE—Our Pastor is still spared to us and though quite advanced in years is yet able to conduct our Lords day service. From Feb. 15, for two weeks, we were greatly cheered, in a series of meetings conducted under the special help of Rev. James H. Davis, State District Missionary. The effort was greatly blessed of the Lord. Nine hopeful Christians were added to the Church, five of whom were baptized and the others by experience and letter. We have done something for state work, for Home Missions and Foreign Missions.

EDINBURG—A year ago we were pastorless and our forces were scattered, but the Lord was pleased to send to our assistance some faithful ministers, who have succeeded in getting us on our feet again and now we are in fine condition for work. During the month of April Rev. C. H. Ferrel, of Oreana, assisted by Rev. J. W. Beville and Chas. E. Henry, the Gospel singer, conducted a series of revival meetings, which resulted in twenty-one additions to the Church. Rev. Chas. E. Henry is supplying us half time for the present.

JACKSONVILLE—Our preaching services are well attended, and interest in the sermons is growing, for through them the Holy Spirit is leading the Christian to higher and stronger life and sinners learn the way of salvation. Our midweek prayer meetings are gaining in interest and attendance and the power of the Spirit clearly manifested. Our increase in membership is not as large as some years, but three-fourths of the additions have been by baptism. By special and faithful efforts, the organizations of the Church have more than sustained their usual effectiveness. Our Chapel is on a permanent basis; a well attended Sunday School and prayer meeting or preaching service during the week. The B. Y. P. U. is in a flourishing condition. All of the Societies of the Church have borne their share of the work of the year, and with them the Church must share the blessing of our success. We have paid \$500 on our Church debt and renovated our audience and Sunday School rooms. Rev. T. H. Marsh continues our pastor. With grateful hearts we give God the glory for the successes, privileges and blessings of the past year.

LOAMI—Brother J. H. Gunn, our former pastor, was compelled, on account of ill health, to give up his labors with us. The Church has since called Brother H. A. Hoover for half time, and in his care of the Church we are expecting the fulfillment of the promises of the Master.

MOWEAQUA—The past year has been an important one to the Church here. We have given special attention to the temporal affairs of the Church, and our expenditure of more than \$1,750 is indicative of what we have accomplished. Spiritually we have been trying to lay broad and deep foundations for a great work of Grace, and we believe we have not labored in vain. Our Senior B. Y. P. U. seems to be reviving, and we fully anticipate a good winter's work.

MORRISONVILLE—Since March last we have had the services of Rev. Charles each alternate Sabbath. Our Church seems to be on an upward move. Our Sunday School is well attended and we have prayer meeting on each Wednesday evening. We try to have B. Y. P. U. each Sunday. Our Church is small. Pray for us that we may increase in faith and members. Our greatest need is a resident pastor.

OREANA—In our letter of last year to the Association we spoke of having called a new pastor, Rev. C. H. Ferrel, and "making proof of his ministry" he has now served us one year, and we have engaged his services for another year. We are working on all lines as formerly, viz: Woman's Missionary Society, Sunday School, prayer meeting and B. Y. P. U. We have licensed a young man, Rev. F. W. Fesler, to preach the Gospel.

PANA—The past year has been one of many blessings and full of pleasant memories. We have been able, by God's goodness, to beautify our Church building

in repairs and improvements to the amount of about \$1,000. All lines of Church work are in a flourishing condition. The Sabbath School passed through an eight weeks' revival for membership, which resulted in adding about one hundred to the school. We also observed the forty-fifth anniversary of the Church on July 25, free of debt. Brother Brand was with us and delivered the anniversary sermon. Our pastor, Rev. R. E. Burt, closed his labors with us on Aug. 30, 1903. After a very successful pastorate of three years, with a deep feeling of regret, his resignation was accepted and the prayers of the people, whom he has faithfully served, attend him, wherever he may be called to go.

PLEASANT PLAINS—We cordially welcome you the representatives of the Churches of this Association and may God bless all our deliberations. Rev. J. W. Smith has preached for us four Sundays each month, throughout the year. We have made some progress. Have maintained a weekly prayer meeting all the time. Sunday School is fairly well attended, considering the fact that there are two other schools held in the village at the same hour. We have lost one member by death, Brother Daniel Fink.

SHELBYVILLE—We are glad to report we are in an era of progress. Although our membership is a few less than our last report showed, we believe there is a renewed energy being developed. Last December the Lord sent Brother Prescott S. Heald to labor among us, and what at that time seemed to us to be despair and discouragement, has under his guidance and leadership become hope and courage. We are now undertaking some very much needed repairs upon our meeting house to the extent of \$1,500, which sum we have already pledged. We are glad to note an increase in interest and attendance in our Sunday School. The various departments of the Church are in a healthy and prosperous condition.

STONINGTON—Near the beginning of the Associational year we held special meetings in which our pastor, Rev. G. E. Milford, was assisted by Brother W. T. Moore, and later by Brother R. E. Burt. We were enabled to rejoice over the conversion of twelve of our young people. On June 3d a council was called to ordain the deacons of the Church, Brother C. M. Lively and Brother Fred Chapman were so ordained. Our pastor, Brother Milford, who has been with us for the past four years, resigned June 14 to accept the pastorate at Greenville, Ill. Since the above date we have had preaching only occasionally. We sustain our Sunday school which is presided over by Brother O. E. Briggs.

NEW STONINGTON—Our pastor, Rev. J. J. Midkiff, has devoted all his time for the past year to the work of this Church. While feeling the weakness in many respects, the Church works in harmony. During the year special revival services were held in which our pastor was assisted by Rev. E. K. Shults, of Moweaqua. There was much interest taken also by the members of our Church, together with other denominations in the meetings of the Salvation Army which continued for several weeks, resulting in the conversion of many souls, and an increase of twelve or fifteen to our membership.

TAYLORVILLE—Our Church has maintained Sabbath School and prayer meetings throughout the year. Our Sabbath School is active and has an enrollment of about one hundred and fifty. Our prayer meetings are not without interest. Our pastor, Rev. H. L. Winburne, resigned, and we have had neither pastor nor preaching service. We have extended a call to Rev. Rob't. C. Hull, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who will commence his labors with us early in September.

ZENOBIA—During the past year we have dismissed by letter, two of our strongest families, and another has removed to another state. These removals lessened our working force, as well as our financial strength, yet all obligations have been promptly met. The interest in our Sunday School is good. Our prayer meetings are not as well attended as they should be. The spiritual interest rather low. We still have Rev. J. P. Alexander's services as pastor for one-half of the time.

REPORTS OF HOME AND FOREIGN MISSION WORK of the Woman's Missionary Society of
The Springfield Baptist Association.

CHURCH.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY	Members Mission Circle..	Tidings Taken	Helping Hand Taken	Cash contributed to the W. B. H. M. S. from Apr. 1, '02, to Apr. 1, '03.	Cash contributed to the W. B. F. M. S. W. from Sept. 1, '02, to Sept. 1, '03.
Assumption	No Circle.	Mrs. E. B. Warren.	8	7	4	\$15 00	\$19 50
Berlin	Mrs. P. N. Boynton.....	.....	.....	2	.....	5 00	.....
Chatham	No Circle.	.....	.....	5	.....	53 00	.....
Decatur	Mrs. E. A. Burwell.....	Mrs. L. Owens.....	.....	.....	3	.....	72 65
Diamond Grove.....	Mrs. A. F. Jenison .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 25
Edinburg	No Circle.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jacksonville	Laura Hayden.....	Mrs. George Hocking.....	18	4	.....	3 25	.....
Loami.....	Mrs. J. A. Coleman.....	Miss E. Rawlings .....	.....	.....	20	41 19	56 00
Morrisonville.....	No Circle.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 82
Moweaqua.....	No Circle.	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....
Pleasant Plains.....	No Circle.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Stonington.....	No Circle.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oreana	Mrs. J. C. Rainey.....	Mrs. H. C. Bower.....	10	4	3	4 25	1 10
Pana	Mrs. Emma Call	Mrs. J. W. Jordan.....	7	.....	1	9 00	11 50
Shelbyville	Mrs. W. C. Headen	Miss E. Stiewalt	18	.....	.....	15 70	20 95
Springfield (Central)	Mrs. E. B. Rogers.....	Mrs. H. A. McKeene	55	12	10	8 25	8 25
Springfield (South).....	Mrs. J. B. Rogers.....	Mrs. E. B. Elder	9	2	2	107 94	93 34
Stonington (Old).....	Mrs. Mary E. Duncan.....	Miss E. Chapman	15	7	1	10 00	10 00
Taylorville.....	No Report.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33 49	27 82
Zenobia	No Circle.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total .....	.....	.....	140	43	44	\$309 07	\$321 78

NOTE—The above figures are from April 1, 1902, to April 1, 1903, for Home work, and from Sept. 1, 1902, to Sept. 1, 1903, for Foreign work.
Mrs. W. H. TAYLOR, Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT of the Baptist Young People's Societies of the Springfield Baptist Association,
for Year Ending July 1, 1903.

NAME OF CHURCH.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.	Name of Society.	MEMBERS.			No. Members pursuing Christian Culture Course.	Copies Baptist Union Taken.	Local Expenses.
				Active	Associate.	Total			
Chatham	Wesley Froman.	Ina M. Garrison.	B. U.	32	8	30			\$ 47 70
Central Springfield.	E. A. Scrogin.	Willard Graves.	B. U.	55	8	63		6	
Decatur.	George T. Owens.	Maggie May.	C. E.	63	12	75			
Edinburg.	Ida Cole.	Harriet Story.	B. U.	40		40			
Jacksonville.	Carrie Spires.		B. U.	80		80	1		
Loami.	W. F. Sturgis.		B. U.	20	18	38			
Mowcaqua.	David Adamson.	Effie Drew.	B. U.	25	10	35			
Morrisonville.	Frank Barnett.		B. U.	12	4	16			
Oreana.	Isabel Malone.	Alice Strope.	B. U.	16	6	22		8	7 40
Pana.	Lois Clark.	Lottie Leetham.	B. U.	57	4	61			
Shelbyville.	Marie Stillwell.	Stella Stairwalt.	B. U.	25		25		11	75 00
Seventh St. Chapel, Spgfield	J. T. Pennington		B. U.	21	4	25			
Elliott Chapel, Springfield.	Mary Carter		C. E.	16	4	20			
Totals				492	73	565	1	25	\$ 130 10

JUNIOR STATISTICS

NAME OF CHURCH.	NAME OF SOCIETY.	NAME OF LEADER.	MEMBERS.			No. in Culture Courses.	Copies Junior Union Taken	Total Contributions
			Active	Associate.	Total			
Assumption.	Baptist Junior Union	Mae M. Cushing.	50	30	80	9	7	4 05
Central Springfield.	"	Annie W. Miller	18	24	42	24	8	15 50
Decatur.	"	Miss Richardson	90	90	180			
Jacksonville	"	Laura E. White.	33	5	38	32	12	3 00
Shelbyville.	"	Edna Conn	15	11	26	12	12	2 35
Elliott Avenue Chapel.	"	Mary Carter	10	40	50			
Seventh Street Chapel	"	J. P. Cassidy	15	10	25			
Totals			79	204	283	77	78	\$29 90

TABLE OF CHURCH STATISTICS.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	CLERKS WITH THEIR POST OFFICE.	MESSENGERS OF THE CHURCHES.	GAIN.				LOSS.				Total Number.....
			Baptism.....	Letter.....	Experience..	Restored...	Letter.....	Excluded..	Erased	Died	
Assumption..	E. Howard.....	REV. LEON W. SLOAN, S. E. Cushing, R. G. Lucas, C. C. Corzine, William Martin, E. Howard.....	15	3	..	..	..	9	4	..	137
Berlin	Rhea Maxwell, New Berlin...	REV. H. WEDDINGTON, Mrs. Weddington, Mrs. P. N. Boynton, Mrs. Ella W. Warren.....	..	2	..	..	..	5	..	2	159
Old Bethel.....	Will Taylor, Springfield.	Reported by letter—no statistics.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Chatham	Miss Mary Aldrich ..	No messengers.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Central, Spingfield.....	John H. Neher	REV. E. B. ROGERS, REV. J. B. ROGERS, <i>Rev. J. W. Primm, Rev. Edwin S. Walker</i> , Prof. J. H. Collins, W. A. McKinnie, Charles Wood, George Caldwell, John A. Caldwell, James Primm, Dr. N. R. Gordon, Mrs. E. B. Rogers, Mrs. J. B. Rogers, Miss Susan Vandercook, Mrs. W. H. Taylor, Miss Clara Primm, Miss Grace Swan, Mrs. Jennie Powell, Mrs. E. B. Elder, Mrs. F. Willer, Mrs. H. C. Irwin, Mrs. W. A. McKinnie.....	9	4	..	..	..	1	..	1	42
Decatur.	Jesse L. Deck.	REV. S. H. BOWYER (no messengers).....	54	33	20	..	36	..	..	13	1078
Diamond Grove.....	Emma F. Holmes, Jackville..	No messengers.....	15	15	2	..	10	3	13	..	769
Edinburg.....	Miss Ida Cole..	Miss Ida Cole, Mrs. Sina Stokes, Miss Altie Minnis.....	5	2	2	..	3	..	..	1	30
Jacksonville	W. B. Pearson.....	REV. T. H. MARSH, Mrs. A. E. Goltra, Mrs. F. H. Stebbins, Mrs. F. M. Coard, W. H. Barrett, Harry Obermeyer, Mrs. J. A. Obermeyer.....	17	3	3	..	1	2	..	..	71
Loami.....	H. G. Campbell.	H. G. Campbell, D. Sturgis, J. D. Brewer.....	26	5	2	..	19	2	..	9	431
Moweaqua ..	Rosella M. Thomas.....	REV. E. K. SHULTS, Miss Effie Drew, Miss Lou Gregory.....	1	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	73
Morrisonville ..	Miss Alice Denton ..	John Sloman.....	1	..	..	..	6	3	..	3	347
(Oreana	C. P. Rainey, Decatur ..	REV. C. H. FERREL, Mrs. C. H. Fessel, C. P. Rainey, Miss Emma Malone, Mrs. Annie Burgess, Brother F. W. Fesler.....	..	5	..	..	1	3	..	1	63
Pana	O. C. King.....	REV. R. E. BURT.....	1	2	..	3	..	..	2	..	94
Pleasant Plains.....	E. D. Boynton	REV. J. W. SMITH, Milton Dunkel, Alonzo Dunkel, Felix Weir, Miss Gertie Richardson, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Bohnert.....	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	5	293
Providence ..	M. Bellamy, Stonington ..	No letter or messengers.....	2	3	1	..	..	..	..	1	52
Shelbyville ..	John J. Ward.....	REV. PRESIDENT, S. HEALD.....	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	43
Stonington	Ella Chapman	J. L. Sanders, Miss Ella Chapman.....	4	6	..	1	7	..	2	..	163
New Stonington.	J. Irving Owen.....	REV. J. J. MYDKIFF.....	8	2	..	..	6	..	..	1	135
Taylorville ..	Mrs. Beatrice S. Smith.....	Letter—no messengers.....	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	65
Zenobia	W. F. Rich	Letter—no messengers.....	1	4	..	..	8	..	..	1	345
Totals.....	.....	.....	161	96	31	4	130	11	11	51	4445

Pastors in SMALL CAPITALS; ordained ministers in *Italic*. post office address same as name of church where not otherwise indicated..

TABLE OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND GENERAL STATISTICS.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.						CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS.											
NAME OF SCHOOLS.	SUPERINTENDENTS	Officers and Teachers		Scholars		S. S. Expenses	State Missions...	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions	Bible and Publication Society	Orphans' Home.	Baptist Ministers' Home	Christian Education	Miscellaneous ..	Church Expenses	Church Property	Minutes..
		Teachers	Scholars.....	Average Attendance	Scholars Baptized												
Assumption	S. E. Cushing.	10	120	70	7	\$ 60 04	\$ 11 45	\$ 9 00	\$ 6 83	\$	\$	\$ 6 00	\$	\$	\$ 543 30	\$ 4,500	2 50
New Berlin.....	Mrs. E. Clark.....	11	110	45	...	26 00	29 40	5 00	5 00						479 00	4,500	1 50
Old Bethel.....	J. H. Collins	30	246	198	...	214 00	114 00	82 60	123 72			46 75	53 40	2,788 00	3,495 52	40,000	1 25
Central Springfield..	James Hood.....	18	275	130	...											4,000	10 00
Elliott Avenue.....	Frank Lindsay...	16	210	118	...											4,000	...
South Seventh St ..	C. C. Headley.....	8	60	40	4	14 00	52 00	2 28	2 25		2 00	2 00		20 00	65 00	2,000	50
Chatham	Owen Scott	42	289	222	8			40 00	40 00					5,130 00	4,004 00	47,000	3 00
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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be called THE SPRINGFIELD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, and shall be composed of such Baptist Churches, as enjoy the fellowship of their sister churches, of the Baptist denomination. The object of this Association is to promote the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ, at home and abroad, and by correspondence and co-operation with other Associations and Missionary organizations connected with the Baptist denomination strive to upbuild the Redeemer's Kingdom among men.

ART. II. Every church composed of a less number than twenty shall be entitled to two messengers, and an additional messenger for every twenty members.

ART. III. This Association shall meet annually on the first Wednesday in September, at 10 o'clock a. m., commence its session with public worship and continue in session two days.

ART. IV. A Moderator and a Clerk shall be chosen by ballot at each session of the Association, who will continue in office until others are elected to supply their places. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside, and lead in all transactions of the Association, and to see that due order and decorum are observed by all the members. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to make a full and impartial record of all the doings of the Association during the session, and furnish a correct copy of the same for publication. Three Trustees shall be chosen by ballot, who shall manage and control and hold in trust all such funds as may have been, or may hereafter be bequeathed to the Springfield Baptist Association, according to the provision of such bequests. Said Trustees, at the first election, shall be elected to serve for three years, after which time, one of said Trustees shall be elected to serve for one year, one for two years and one for three years, and thereafter only one shall be elected annually, to serve for three years, except to fill a vacancy.

ART. V. A Treasurer shall be chosen every year, whose duty it shall be to receive and safely keep all the monies belonging to this body, and pay them out only as directed by this body (unless otherwise specified by the donor, and transmit to his successor in office the books, together with the monies remaining in his hands, at the expiration of his term of office.

ART. VI. Each church represented shall send with its Messengers, a letter, giving an account of its progress during the past year; its additions, diminutions, and whole number; what it is doing for the cause of Christ at home and abroad; and in short, whatever relates to its prosperity and peace as a church of Jesus Christ.

Each church is expected to contribute and forward money for the printing of Minutes, the amount to equal one and a half cents per member, of such church.

ART. VII. Any church wishing to unite with this Association, applying by letter and delegates, may be received by giving satisfactory information that it is sound in doctrine and correct in practice, on the reception of which the Moderator shall give one of its delegates the right hand of fellowship on behalf of the body.

ART. VIII. When a church shall neglect to make any communication with this Association for three years in succession, it may be dropped from the Minutes, unless its continuance is requested by at least two members, who shall engage to inquire into its condition, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ART. IX. The Association can exercise no authority or jurisdiction over the churches, each one of which is an independent body; nevertheless, the Association shall have the power to refuse any church a seat in this body which shall prove unworthy of its fellowship.

ART. X. The Association shall have power to hold correspondence with other Associations as may be expedient.

ART. XI. This Constitution may be amended at any Annual Meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, provided notice shall have been given of the proposed amendment at a previous Annual Meeting.

BY-LAWS.

1. Every meeting of the Association shall be closed with prayer.
2. No question shall be discussed until it is regularly moved and seconded.
3. No member of the Association shall speak on any question more than twice nor more than ten minutes, without special leave of the Moderator.
4. Every member speaking shall address himself to the Moderator; shall avoid all improper personalities, and shall confine himself to the question before the Association.
5. Ministers, and others, invited to take a seat with us, may take part in discussing all questions, but vote on none.
6. No member shall leave the Association without leave of the Moderator.
7. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to appoint all Committees, unless it be otherwise ordered at the time.
8. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and it shall be put without debate.
9. These Rules shall be read at the opening of every Annual Meeting of the Association.

A SERMON.

The Preaching and Preachers of the Gospel of Christ.

Delivered before the Springfield, Illinois, Baptist Association, Sept. 2, 1903.

BY REV. EDWIN SAWYER WALKER, A. M.

TEXT:

Romans I: 16.

“FOR I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST, FOR IT IS THE POWER OF GOD UNTO SALVATION TO EVERY ONE THAT BELIEVETH.”

Fifty-one years ago, on the 6th day of July last, in the Second Baptist Church in Rochester, New York, I preached a sermon from this text.

At the close of the service, I was licensed by the church, of which I was a member, to preach this gospel, and six years later, after a full course of literary and theological training at the University, and in the Theological Seminary of Rochester, I was ordained, on the 16th day of September, 1858, and settled as Pastor in Dansville, New York.

The intervening years, as I recall them today, seem as but a dream of a night. And yet, during the half century which they cover, great changes have taken place, and great progress has marked the history of this period, in every department of human endeavor and thought.

In these fifty years the population of the United States

has increased four-fold, from 20,000,000 to 80,000,000. New states have sprung into existence; railroads have been built across the continent binding it with bands of steel; ocean cables have been laid girdling the globe; and electric pulsations here generated, have reached to every civilized land; whilst the light of the subtle forces of nature, discovered and set free by American genius, has been made the physical light of the world.

Empires have arisen and fallen again, in the old world. The rude alarum of grim-visaged war, which echoed in the Crimea, and made Sevastopol historic ground, a few years later roused the down-trodden people of Italy, and under Victor Emanuel, gave liberty to the descendants of the Caesars.

Then also came the conflict between the Teutonic and the Latin races, in which the proud legions of France, met the unfurled banners, and shining bayonets of Germany, in deadly conflict, and on the bloody field of Sedan, suffered an inglorious defeat, whilst with the overthrow of Napoleon, the III, was prepared the foundation of the Republic of France.

In our own country, the war for the Union marked an epoch in history. It were needless for me to rehearse the story of that great conflict. It was a meeting of opposing forces, which had existence from the very foundation of the government, and which from the very nature of the case was inevitable.

The years of 1861 to 1865, will in all coming time, be marked as the heroic period of American history. The battlefields of that war, from Shiloh to the Wilderness, from Chickamauga to Gettysburg, from Vicksburg to Atlanta, are today sacred to the memory of American valor, and by the blood shed thereon, our Union of States as a Nation, was cemented and made perpetual.

Not one, but all of these things, accomplished by the exercise of human thought, and made subservient to the advancement of the human race, as they have been practically applied, must be regarded as parts of the divine plan, in the government of the world.

So much for introduction to the theme, and purpose of my address.

THE PREACHING AND PREACHERS OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST
IN THE LAST HALF OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY.

I utter no new truth, but from the experience of a half century, in which I have rested in the promises of this gospel, I today bear witness to its power to save men, yea, every one that believeth.

During this period, as there has been progress in science, progress in the arts, progress in philosophic investigation and inquiry, and progress in methods of instruction and education, so there has been progress in religious inquiry, change in the methods of religious instruction, and in the theological systems, as also in the public presentation of the gospel of Jesus Christ from the pulpit.

The practical aim of the Pilgrim Fathers in their migration to the new world, was religion. In the parting address of their Pastor, Robinson, at Leyden, in Holland, at their embarkation, he said: "I charge you before God and his blessed angels, that you follow me no further than I have followed Christ. And if God shall reveal anything to you by any other instrument of his, be as ready to receive it as you ever were to receive anything by my ministry; for I am confident that God hath more truth yet to break forth out of His holy word."

This position was taken at least two centuries in advance of his age, by the Puritan Pastor, Robinson. Sending out the little half-flock of his church, he bids them go to watch for light, unrestrained by his own teachings. Thus they planted upon the rock-bound shores of New England, the seeds of true spiritual liberty, consciously guided by the revealed word of God, and always looking for the light which should break forth, through new discoveries of truth, and new interpretations of Scripture, the fruit of a more profound scholarship, and the conclusions of a more rational philosophy, than had been shown in the theological systems of the preceding centuries.

Fifty years ago, the Baptists of New York, realizing the importance of providing better facilities for the education and training of the future ministry of the denomination, founded the "Rochester Theological Seminary." Two of the earliest teachers in that institution were Rev. Thos. J. Conant and Rev. Ezekiel G. Robinson.

The first named of these, as a Hebrew scholar and translator, and an interpreter of the Word of God, took rank with the foremost scholars of the world. His published version of the book of Genesis, with explanatory notes, was an evidence and example of the breaking forth of more light out of God's holy word, and it stands today, as one of the most profound contributions to a clear understanding of that word.

The second, Rev. Ezekiel G. Robinson, as a theological teacher and preacher, was a Prince in his day and generation. In the fourteen years of his service at Rochester, from 1858 to 1872, he practically laid the foundations and reared the superstructure of an institution, to which the present generation of our Baptist ministry is more indebted for its training, than we shall ever know. He believed that honest investigation would never undermine Christianity.

With a reverent spirit, not unlike that of Pastor Robinson of Leyden, and with a kindred prescience, he said of the Bible:

"It has required many generations to elucidate, and make appreciable to man, in their fullness, many of the truths that were plainly revealed in it. In the same book, there may still be much that is latent to us, that will be open to the eye of the generation that shall be prepared to receive it.

"The Word of God is a completed and unchanging revelation, but the understanding of that Word has been, and ever must be progressive."

"Never was there an age when sharply defined doctrines in the pulpit were more needed than now. They never were more needed, because they were never more rarely heard than now.

"Without careful indoctrination of Christian men and women, without creeds sharply defined, our churches will become an easy prey to skepticism."

As to the doctrines of our religion, which fifty years ago were, in the pulpit made more prominent than they are at the present day, a pretty wide experience and extended observation, leads me to observe that in all denominations classed as orthodox, there has been a decided change. I well remember the time when "the terrors of the law" were in many pulpits, made the frequent subject of discourse, and the great motives to repentance urged upon sinners was, that they might escape "everlasting punishment," and the fires of a literal Hell.

In the early history of New England, Jonathan Edwards, one of the most distinguished theologians and preachers of his time, made this a theme of discourse: "Sinners in the hands of an angry God."

His theory seemed to be, that by the terrors of the law only, men could be persuaded.

In the winter of 1856, my last year in college, Rev. Chas. G. Finney, then president of Oberlin College, preached every day, for several weeks, in Plymouth Church, one of the largest churches in Rochester, New York. It was said by one of the most eminent pastors in that city, Rev. Dr. McIlvane, of the First Presbyterian Church, that he regarded Mr. Finney's labors in Rochester, as connected with the greatest work of grace he had ever witnessed.

Mr. Finney was a man of great reasoning powers, and deep spirituality; although many good men disliked his methods, and eschewed his doctrines.

In speaking of election and reprobation, doctrines which have for the ages been the theme of prolonged discussion and dispute, he had this to say: "It is only on extraordinary occasions that God has provided manna from Heaven, and multiplied loaves and fishes without stint. Such extraordinary provision could not be claimed as the right of all, without throwing discredit upon the ordinary means, and robbing them of salutary stimulus."

"So, in the distribution of the persuasive influences of

the spiritual world, every one has sufficient to insure his salvation if rightly used, but he has no absolute claim upon extraordinary privileges. Some must be content with the common conditions of life. As a benevolent being, God must resign such to their fate. *This is reprobation.*

Then as to the doctrine of *moral depravity*—in our day we hear little of this doctrine from the pulpit. We see, oh, how much of it in human life! The foundation of the theological system of Mr. Finney, as I heard him in 1856 in Rochester, and the basis of his plan of salvation therein set forth, was that, "The moral depravity of the unregenerate moral agents of our race is total."

I do not here stop to discuss this doctrine. Suffice it to say that in our time it is unpopular with the masses. But, from its confirmation by the records of universal history, no man can successfully deny it. Universal observation attests it.

In the American pulpit of the Nineteenth Century, Chas. G. Finney was the foremost representative and exemplar of evangelistic methods, and revival preaching. Appealing little to the emotional nature of man, he laid siege to the human conscience, and among the thousands who were converted under his ministry, a large proportion was made up of mature men, in business and in professional life. As a master in Israel, he laid the axe at the root of the tree, and reasoned of righteousness, temperance and a judgment to come. He believed and taught, that "Of the law there can be no less acknowledged than that her seat is the bosom of God, her voice the harmony of the world."

The doctrines of man's natural depravity, and of regeneration by the Holy Spirit, find their complement in the doctrine of a final judgment.

In our day we hear much of the love of God, his mercy, and his compassion towards sinners. In our modern evangelistic services there is much of gracious invitation and exhortation, "Come to Jesus," which, while it may appeal to the emotional natures of children, has little effective influence upon grown men and women; hence in the reports from our churches year after year, the great majority

of additions are found to be from among the children in our Sunday schools. That these are in early life, thus made subjects of divine grace, is the legitimate fruit of faithful service in Sunday school instruction. For all this, God be praised, and in this largely lies, the future hope and progress of our American churches.

The one great fact, which must appeal to us all is this, that, "We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." That God will then render to every man according to his deeds.

In the resurrection of Christ we have the proof and pledge of a life after what we call death. The lake of fire unquenchable may be a figure, but the terrible consequences of sin are a fact. We cannot outgrow facts.

In the theological controversies which have grown up in the last fifty years, and the outgrowth from them of what men call a "broadening of views" and "the larger hope," has there not been a neglect of insistence upon the stern fact, that God is a moral governor of the Universe, and that his throne is established in righteousness?

It is probably true that there was early in the last century a time when what was called doctrinal preaching was made prominent in our pulpits, over what was called practical preaching. But the truths which were thus inculcated, blended with exhortations to immediate repentance, pressed on the consciences of men, were made divinely efficacious, and sinners were converted and saved.

In the study of the Bible, and in methods of interpretation, based to some extent upon newly discovered manuscripts of the original text, there has recently grown up what is termed the "Higher Criticism," in some of our Theological Schools. This so-called "Higher Criticism" has consequently come to be manifest to some extent, in its influence upon the present rising ministry. Theories of inspiration, which fifty years ago, were regarded as rational and satisfactory, have now come to be discarded as out of date, and by the study of the sacred oracles, as mere litera-

ture, the divine sanctions of the Bible have, as I believe, been seriously impaired in their influence and force, as the authoritative word of God.

In the wild rush of our modern life, how little do the masses know of the great fundamental truths of Christianity? But how shall they understand without hearing, and how shall they hear without a Christian ministry? And how with a Christian ministry, which fails to proclaim the whole counsel of God?—preaching faithfully, and fearlessly its great doctrines of man's fall, his sinful nature, the necessity of a new birth, the sanctification of the Holy Spirit, and the atonement made for sin, in the death of Jesus Christ.

It is for God to regenerate the man. But it is the pleasure of God to use in his Kingdom, human instrumentality, and human influence. It is the duty of man to put them forth. It is the grace of God to bless them, when put forth.

How to preach this Gospel is a lesson which has taxed the wisdom and the energy of the greatest, and the best of men, for eighteen hundred years.

And here I cannot forbear to quote from a sermon upon the "Ministerial Responsibility" by Rev. Wm. R. Williams, D. D., one of the most eloquent and devout preachers in our Baptist denomination, under the spell of whose magic voice and sanctified spirit, I listened more than fifty years ago. Being dead, he yet speaketh. And these are his words. I seem to hear them now; as coming from out the excellent glory, where the songs of the Seraphim are heard.

"We may preach human dependence to the subversion of the great truth of human obligation, or we may so insist on human duty and ability, as to mar the glorious truth of the necessity of the divine influence. We may preach a gospel that crucifies and tramples upon the law, the immutable law, that Christ came expressly to magnify; or we may hold up the law, till it hides that gospel of which it was the precursor. We may utter truths not entirely unseasonable, yet comparatively of less moment, whilst from

our hearers, one after another is sliding into eternity untaught in the great lessons of repentance and faith."

Again, I have observed during these last fifty years, one of the greatest dangers to which the ministry has been exposed, regards the spirit in which the gospel message has been proclaimed.

How difficult the task to guard well our own hearts, to preach as in sight of the bar of judgment? 'Tis not enough to eloquently proclaim the great truth, that "Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth." That truth will be of little effect if there go not with it, to speed its entrance into the hearts of sinners, as did Paul in his letter to the Romans, the "heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel that they might be saved."

Of the great preachers of the last half century, I heard many of those distinguished in the American pulpit. In 1852, President Francis Wayland, of Brown University, preached his famous discourse upon the "Apostolic Ministry" before the New York Baptist Union for Ministerial Education. I remember the occasion as though it were but yesterday. When about half way through his discourse, the delivery of which occupied over an hour's time, the doctor pausing for a moment said, "Please sing a few stanzas while I rest," and sat while the great congregation joined in one of the grand old hymns, found in the "Psalmist," the only Baptist hymn book in use in that day. That discourse has become historic, and has for fifty years been regarded as embodying the most advanced ideas of our Baptist denominational methods, of the time it was delivered, in the preaching of the gospel of Christ.

It was about that time that the Plymouth Church in Brooklyn became famous through the ministry of Henry Ward Beecher. Less philosophical, and less profound, than many of his compeers in the American pulpit, he was unsurpassed by any, as a magnetic pulpit orator, and preacher. Bound by no theological dogmas, his was a free lance in the very front of the battle, of the forces of Christianity against the forces of evil. No man has ever surpassed him in the spirit of independence with which, for

more than a quarter of a century, his voice rang out from the platform of Plymouth Church, as he held up Jesus Christ, and sought to win souls by the attractive power of the gospel. The popular accord which, by his eloquence he gained while yet a young man, was undiminished, with the great masses of those who knew him best, and sat under his ministry up to the time of his death.

Another preacher in the Congregational denomination, whom it was my delight to have heard in his prime, was Rev. Richard S. Storrs, Jr., also of Brooklyn. As a theologian, he was at once profound and orthodox, as a scholar he was among the foremost of his time, as a preacher he was eloquent without mannerisms, forceful in delivery, and underlying all, and permeating the substance of the divine message which he proclaimed, was a deep toned spirituality. As the president of the "American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions," his name is enshrined, as that of a Prince in Israel; one of the foremost of preachers in the American pulpit, in the last half of the nineteenth century.

In the Protestant Episcopal Church, the American pulpit of the last century has afforded not more conspicuous example of profound scholarship, all-pervading spirituality, and sanctified eloquence, than Rev. Phillips Brooks; whilst in the Methodist Episcopal Church, the name of Rev. Matthew Simpson adorns the records of the ever onward progress of that denomination, in the work of world evangelization; in his preaching he was bound by no dogmatic traditions of the past, and yet he anchored his faith in the depths of those waters of life, which roll forevermore, fast by the throne of God.

Of the more recent representatives of our American pulpit, I cannot forbear to speak of two others, who in life were conspicuous in their respective spheres of service, as preachers of the Cross of Christ. When pursuing my studies at the University of Rochester, forty-seven years ago, there was called to the pastorate of the Second Baptist Church of that city, of which I was a member, a young man born of missionary parents in Burmah, who, left fatherless

in early childhood, was sent to this country for a home and education, where he grew up to manhood's estate.

Rev. George Dana Boardman, called at twenty-eight years of age, to fill a pulpit, where amongst his hearers were the President, and the learned Professors of the University, came to no easy task. But he proved immediately his divine commission, by the signs which followed his ministry. Of a slight physique, and almost boyish in appearance, he was attractive in his personality and charmed his hearers by the force of his deep spirituality, combined with a poetic inspiration, which rendered his delivery at once forceful and eloquent. After eight years of service in Rochester, he became pastor of the First Baptist Church in Philadelphia, which he served for the period of thirty years. During this time he illustrated the work of preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ in his pulpit service, and adorned the pages of our American Baptist literature in his published works.

First, among these are "Studies in the Creative Week," "Ephiphanies of the Risen Lord," "Studies in the Model Prayer," and "Coronation of Love," all works of rare charm and originality.

As my pastor, his preaching was an inspiration to my early ministry; as a life long friend, I cherish his memory with undying affection. His name and fame are written for all time, upon the historic pages of our American Baptist pulpit, of the Nineteenth Century, as one of its most distinguished ornaments.

About thirty years ago, Rev. John H. Barrows, then twenty-eight years of age, was called to the pastorate of the First Congregational Church of Springfield, where he served for two years. It is well remembered by those who knew him in those days of his early ministry, that he was a young man of transcendent ability, and the record of his subsequent career, to the time of his recent lamented death fills a whole page of the history of distinguished American preachers of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

As the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Chicago for many years; as the organizer, and the chief pro-

moter of the "World's Parliament of Religions" in 1893; as the representative of our American Christian spirit and methods of evangelization, who carried the gospel to the proud and haughty Hindcos of Calcutta, Bombay and other cities of India, not like Peter the Hermit, but like another Apostle Paul, reasoning before vast audiences, of righteousness, temperance and a judgment to come; and at a later day as president of Oberlin College, John H. Barrows, in his life of Christian service, took rank amongst the most distinguished promoters of the Christian religion and the uplifting of the human race.

In his theological teachings, he was at once orthodox and progressive; while insistent upon the sanctions of the law, as given by Moses, he held the Cross of Christ up before men, as the way of life, divinely ordained, as the only way whereby we must be saved. His voice of eloquence has been hushed, but the work of his life goes on. Among the memories of the past, I count it as one of the pleasantest which abides with me, that he was my friend and from his lips I learned lessons of patience and hope made prominent in his ministrations.

But I must close. In this brief review of the past century, I have purposely made it undenominational. As a Baptist from my youth, I am from conviction and an experience of over half a century, a Baptist today, in the strict sense of the term. Were it mine to commence life anew, and the work of the ministry, no other text would I choose, than that with which I entered upon the sacred calling long years ago.

"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

Under this broad and explicit extension of the provisions of the gospel, there are no denominational lines. If so be that we, as disciples of Christ, find it consonant with our convictions of duty, and understanding of the word of God, to be divided by such lines, these should not separate us into hostile camps, like hostile armies on a

tented field, but like enclosures of a well ordered farm, serve only to the convenience of our present home life.

We seek that city which hath foundations whose builder and Maker is God. We journey thither trusting in that Light, which is "the Light of the World," in faith believing, that, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."

And thus sang Addison, of the life immortal.

"It must be so—Plato, thou reasonest well!
The soul, secured in its existence, smiles
At the drawn dagger and defies its point.
The stars shall fade away, the sun himself
Grow dim with age, and Nature sink in years;
But thou shall flourish in immortal youth."

To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever.

AMEN, AND AMEN.

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STANDING COMMITTEES.

HOME MISSIONS.

REV. P. S. HEALD, *Chairman*. REV. A. N. SHARPES, MRS. E. B. ROGERS

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

REV. E. L. JAMES, *Chairman*. REV. E. B. ROGERS, MRS. W. H. TAYLOR.
REV. J. W. HARNLEY, *Chairman*. REV. T. C. COFFEY, REV. T. B. SHEPLEY

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

REV. JOS. B. ROGERS, *Chairman*. REV. R. E. BURT, REV. R. H. CLAXON.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

REV. A. D. COOPER, REV. J. J. MIDKIFF, REV. T. H. MARSH.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP.

REV. S. H. BOWYER, REV. A. H. RHODES, MRS. T. C. COFFEY.

COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM.

REV. E. S. WALKER, MRS. W. H. TAYLOR, REV. E. B. ROGERS.

MINISTERS WITH THEIR POST OFFICE ADDRESSES:

BOWYER, S. H.....	Decatur	HOLMES, D. D.....	Jacksonville
BRANCH, REV. H. H.....		LIVELY, JAS. M., <i>Licentiate</i> .	
.....	Taylorville	.....	Stonington
BURT, R. E.....	Stonington	MARSH, T. H.....	Jacksonville
COFFEY, T. C.....	Springfield	MARSHALL, J. M.....	Pawnee
CHAPIN, W. J.....	Chatham	MIDKIFF, J. J.....	Stonington
CLAXON, R. H.....	Morrisonville	ROGERS, E. B.....	Springfield
COOPER, A. D.....	Moweaqua	ROGERS, J. B.....	Springfield
ELLIOTT, J. E., <i>Licentiate</i> ..		RHODES, A. H.....	Pana
.....	Springfield		
FINDLEY, J. T.....	Decatur	THOMAS, JOSEPH....	Moweaqua
HARNLEY, J. W.....	Auburn	SHARPES, A. N.....	Oreana
HEALD, P. S.....	Shelbyville	WEDDINGTON, H.....	Berlin
HENRY, CHAS. E.....	Ashland	WALKER, EDWIN S..	Springfield

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

The SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION will be held with the Pana Baptist Church, commencing on the first Wednesday in September, 1906, at 10 o'clock a. m.

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SPRINGFIELD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1905.

The Springfield Baptist Association met with the Edinburg Baptist Church on Wednesday, September 6, 1905.

At 10 o'clock a. m., the Association was called to order by the Moderator, REV. H. WEDDINGTON of Berlin.

The Session was opened with reading of Scripture by the Moderator, and prayer by Rev. J. J. Midkiff.

The rules of the Association were read by the Moderator.

Visiting brethren, and representatives of Missionary organizations were invited to seats in the Association.

The following named were present during the meeting: Rev. E. F. Brand, Superintendent of State Missions; Rev. W. E. Hopkins, representing the American Baptist Missionary Union; Rev. S. D. McKenny, representing the American Baptist Home Mission Society; Mr. E. H. Curtis, representing the Anti-Saloon League; Miss Nellie Reed of Fairmount; W. Virginia, Missionary of the Women's Baptist Home Mission Society; Mrs. W. L. Sanders of Bloomington, representing the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of the West; Rev. Melbourn P. Boynton of Chicago, and President J. D. S. Riggs, President of Shurtleff College.

The Moderator appointed

Committee on Nomination of Officers and Trustee—Rev. E. B. Rogers, Rev. P. S. Heald and D. E. Morgan.

Committee on Enrollment—Rev. Chas. E. Henry, Rev. E. L. James.

At 10:15 o'clock the Report of the Committee on Nominations of Officers and Trustee was made as follows:

Moderator—REV. H. WEDDINGTON.

Clerk—REV. EDWIN S. WALKER.

Treasurer—HENRY A. CONVERSE.

Trustee—For three years, EDWIN S. WALKER.

On motion it was ordered that the report be adopted and the ballot of the Association be cast by the Clerk, for the officers named; it was so cast, and they were duly elected.

At 10:30 o'clock the time for the preaching of the INTRODUCTORY SERMON having arrived the services were as follows:

Reading scriptures and prayer, Rev. E. L. James.

Song—"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Sermon by REV. THEODORE C. COFFEY of Springfield.

Text, John 16th chapter, 8th and 9th verses.

Theme, The Character of Christ.

To understand him, the following were noted as the essential sources of knowledge:

1. His miracles.
2. His claims.
3. His teachings.
4. What His disciples said of Him.

A suggestive sermon along the old paths, at once evangelical and timely.

At 11:20 o'clock the reading of Church Letters was next in order, in which service the Clerk was kindly assisted, by Rev. Chas. E. Henry, and Rev. E. L. James.

This was followed by the report of the Church Committee on Entertainment.

All messengers, and visiting brethren, and sisters, were requested to report immediately, for assignment to places of entertainment, during the meetings, and they were duly assigned.

At 12 o'clock the Association adjourned.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met at 1:30 o'clock.

At 1:30 o'clock Devotional Services were led by Rev. T. C. Coffey of Springfield.

At 1:50 o'clock the reading of Church letters was resumed and completed.

These showed a large measure of prosperity in most of the churches, with a greater increase in membership by profession of faith and baptism, than in any previous year of the history of the Association. The tables, as indicative of growth, and increased efficiency in the work of the Master, are in full evidence.

At 2:30 o'clock the Moderator appointed the following committees for this session:

Committee on B. Y. P. Union Societies—Rev. Joseph B. Rogers, Rev. E. L. James, Miss Alice Erisman.

Committee on Resolutions—Rev. A. N. Sharpes, Rev. E. B. Rogers, Rev. J. W. Harnley.

Committee on Next Session—Rev. T. C. Coffey, Rev. R. E. Burt.

At 2:40 o'clock REV. R. H. CLAXON delivered a sermon. Text, Matthew 2d chapter, 2d verse.

At 3 o'clock a recess was taken until 4 o'clock, the time being devoted to the Women's Missionary Society, until that hour.

At 4 o'clock the business of the Association was resumed with the Moderator in the chair. After brief service of song led by Rev. Chas. E. Henry, and prayer by Rev. J. W. Harnley, REV. E. B. ROGERS, Chairman, read the Report of the Committee on Christian Stewardship, which was adopted.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP.

Your Committee on Christian Stewardship respectfully reports:

That Deut. 8:18, "Thou shalt remember the Lord thy God, for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth," is still in force, and that this doctrine of God in business should be inculcated, and prayed about, and preached upon, in all our churches. How property of all sorts would be elevated and enlarged and sanctified by the thought that it was God who gave men the power to gain and accumulate!

The time has come in the commercial spirit of this commercial age to emphasize the great doctrines of God's ownership of everything. Psalm 24:1, "The earth is the Lord's, and fullness thereof." Psalm

50:10, "Every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills." Haggai 2:8, "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts." What do these passages teach, but that, as between man and man, I may have certain property rights in the dollar in my pocket; in that dollar I may, and do, have a certain subordinate authority; but do not these passages declare that such subordinate authority and property rights given me by law refer to relations between man and man, and not between man and God? The image on that coin may be Caesar's, you may be its possessor, but the gold is God's.

"Ye are not your own," not what you have, not your possessions, but you yourselves, are not our own. It is the Christian business to acknowledge God's title. Man's time, and opportunity and accumulations are trusts, and they should be so regarded and used. Things are tools, circumstances are instruments, men are agents. All that is of me, belongs to God—all that I can get, I get for Him, and I serve Him as tenant, agent, steward. Stewards in getting, stewards in holding, stewards in using, that is Bible, and here is Bible too, "It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful." I. Cor. 4:2.

We commend the work of the Stewardship League, and recommend that the matter be emphasized by the pastors in all the churches.

Adopted.

EUCLID B. ROGERS,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
J. J. MIDKIFF,		
CHAS. E. HENRY,		

This report was followed by an address by President J. D. S. RIGGS of Shurtleff College, upon Christian Education its importance in preparation for life work. This being the first appearance of the new President, in our Association, his coming met with a hearty welcome, and his address touched chords which vibrate with promise for the future of the institution, over which he has been called to preside.

At 5 o'clock the Association adjourned with prayer.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION.

Association met pursuant to adjournment at 7:30 o'clock.

A Song Service, led by Rev. C. E. Henry, with some fourteen members of the orchestra, which he had trained during his pastorate of the Edinburg Church the last year, was greatly enjoyed and highly appreciated.

At 7:45 o'clock Rev. W. E. Hopkins, a returned missionary from Burma, delivered an address upon the work of the American Baptist Missionary Union. With his ten years' experience in the foreign field, he gave many incidents and illustrations of the practical and patient, self-denying service, which work in the dark heathen world involves. The cry of the age, for more laborers, and larger contributions from all our American churches, is a call which cannot be ignored, by those who would prove faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ.

At 8:30 o'clock the Association adjourned, with prayer by Rev. R. H. Claxon.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

At 8 o'clock a PASTORS' CONFERENCE was held with Rev. P. S. Heald in the chair, and Rev. Chas. E. Henry acting as Secretary.

At 9 o'clock the Association met with the Moderator in the chair. Rev. C. E. Henry led in service of song. The reading of Church letters was completed.

At 9:30 the Reports of Standing Committees were presented, and after due consideration were adopted in order.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions reports as follows:

The Spirit of Christ in the fathers, started Home Missions. Inspired by the great commission, early Baptist ministers went forth as missionaries into the neighboring wilds, such as John M. Peck and Jonathan Going, who were stirred into action early in the 19th century by Luther Rice, a Baptist foreign missionary. Since 1832, our Home Mission Society has been a mighty force in Illinois, and in a sense is the mother of us all, not because we owe it to this mother to help evangelize the needy fields east, west, north and south, do we urge a heartier co-operation, but because we owe it to Him who loved us, and gave Himself for us, who said, Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Beginning at Jerusalem includes helping this Society save the foreign speaking peoples in our home cities. To be witnesses in Judea, means not only pushing State Missions, but Home Missions among all the foreigners of Illinois and among all the needy of all the states. To witness in Samaria we should help this Society evangelize Canada and Mexico till North America belongs to Christ. We cannot preach the Gospel in all the world, "to the uttermost parts of the earth," and neglect Home Missions in North America. How can we love the brotherhood and honor the King (or President) unless we join hands to resist all the dangers that threaten the life of our nation, by a vigorous evangelistic campaign among the foreigners that throng our shores.

Weary of waiting for us to send the gospel to the nations it seems that God is sending these nations here to the gospel, and thus is helping fulfil the prophecy that this gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, through our Home Mission Society.

Last year fifteen of our churches gave for Home Missions \$413.63 or a little more than 9 cents per member. This year seventeen of our churches gave \$679.24 or over 14 cents per member, which is the best showing made in five years. Love to God and our country should prompt us to a more generous support of our great Home Mission Society.

T. C. COFFEY,

J. J. MIDKIFF,

Committee.

The Report was adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The Report of the Committee on State Missions, Rev. A. N. Sharpes, Chairman, was followed by an address by Rev. E. P. Brand, Superintendent of State Missions.

By reason of its location and its rapidly increasing population, Illinois is and always will be one of the most important Mission Fields in the world. It is the very heart and center of this great nation, and it is destined at no distant day to be densely populated. Springfield Association, located in the center of this great State and embracing as it does two important and rapidly growing cities, one of which is the Capital of the State, is an especially important field, and one which Baptists would do well to consider.

The State Board has aided very materially in carrying forward our Mission work in this field by holding tent meetings in three important places—Maroa, Blue Mound and Mt. Auburn. The meeting at Maroa resulted in the establishing an Arm of the Oreana Church at that place with a membership of twelve or fourteen. The meeting at Blue Mound resulted in the baptism of three candidates into the fellowship of the Old Stonington Church.

In view of this, and other magnificent work, we pledge our loyal support in every possible way, to our State Board, and especially commend Brethren Davis and Rodman for their earnest, faithful work in these tent meetings.

A. N. SHARPES,

R. E. BURT,

Committee.

The Report was adopted.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION WORK.

The report of the Committee on Associational Missions was presented by Rev. J. B. Rogers, Chairman, as follows:

The year has been one of forward movement. Not all things hoped for and attempted have been accomplished, the following points have been reached: Blue Mound, Athens, Maroa, Mt. Auburn, Bolivia, Rochester and Palmer, and two other points, one near Shelbyville and one near Taylorville.

The Pastors and State Board evangelists have responded nobly in the work. We recommend:

First. The employment of a District Missionary for such time as he can be supported, to work in connection with a Committee, of the Pastors and the State Board.

Second: The continuance of the plan of the holding of meetings by the Pastors at mission points throughout the Association and urge upon our Pastors and workers increased zeal in evangelization, to reach every inviting field.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. ROGERS,
C. S. HENRY,

Committee.

The Report was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY AND BIBLE SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday and Bible Schools respectfully submits the following:

1st. That in order to emphasize the real object of the School we call it "Bible School" and not Sunday School.

2d. We recognize in the Bible School a great field where every member of the Church can find something to do, either as teacher or pupil.

3d. He who studies to teach must study thoughtfully and prayerfully, and he who studies to learn must study with all his mind. A careful study of the Bible Lesson each week develops character, strengthens will, illumines the mind, warms the heart and gives one clearer vision of life and its purposes and possibilities.

4th. If we would have veterans in the church of tomorrow we must secure the attendance and attend to the discipline of the children in our Bible Schools today.

5th. When we notice that the total membership of the Baptist churches in this Association as reported last year was 4,540 and that 2,503 was the total number in our Bible Schools we are led to feel that we as churches are giving too little heed to the study and teaching of God's word in our Bible Schools.

EUCLID B. ROGERS,

Chairman.

The Report was adopted.

At 10:20 o'clock Bro. E. P. Brand, Superintendent of State Missions, preached from Isaiah 21:10, 11 verses. "*Watchman, what of the night? The watchman said the morning cometh,*" in which he gave a brief report of the mission work in Illinois the past year and encouraging prospects of the already whitening harvest field.

At 10:40 o'clock the Report on Foreign Missions was presented by Rev. A. H. Rhodes, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report:

We as a denomination of Christian workers fully realize that Christ, the great head of the church was a foreign missionary. And we professing to have His Spirit are therefore Foreign Missionaries. Not only so but we can only show the predestinated conformity to his will by using all our opportunities in pushing forward the great work.

Some one has suggested that because we have not been as diligent as we should in sending missionaries to foreign fields, God is sending the foreigners to us and thus bringing our Home and Foreign work together, but your committee believe that the mixing up of the nations with our civilization is more directly the result of inter-commercial relations. We recognize that our duty to the nations at their home remains the same as though a foreigner had never trod our shores. The spirit of Christ would push us out as He did Carey and Judson and many others. The Gospel of Christ is the only efficient means of raising the nations out of the darkness of superstition and sin, into the Liberty and love of Christian civilization.

A. H. RHODES,
P. S. HEALD,

Committee.

The report was adopted

At 10:45 o'clock Prof. J. H. Collins, of Springfield, delivered an address upon the Baptist Congress, which he had recently attended in London, England. This was a rich treat to all; and in the brief space of an hour, he described that great assemblage of Baptists, gathered from every nation, except Palestine and Japan, convened in Exeter Hall, giving an enlarged idea of what the great Baptist denomination is today, among the evangelizing and educational forces of the Protestant world.

At 12 o'clock the Association adjourned, with prayer by Rev. A. H. Rhodes.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met at 1:30 o'clock. Devotional services were led by Rev. J. B. Rogers.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

Committee on Home Missions—Rev. P. S. Heald, Chairman; Rev. A. N. Sharpes, Mrs. E. B. Rogers.

Committee on Foreign Missions—Rev. E. L. James, Chairman; Rev. E. B. Rogers, Mrs. W. H. Taylor.

Committee on State Missions—Rev. J. W. Harnley, Chairman; Rev. T. C. Coffey, Rev. T. B. Shepley.

Committee on Associational Missions—Rev. J. B. Rogers Chairman; Rev. E. P. Burt, Rev. R. H. Claxon.

Committee on Sunday and Bible Schools—Rev. A. D. Cooper, Rev. J. J. Midkiff, Rev. T. H. Marsh.

Committee on Christian Stewardship—Rev. S. H. Bowyer, Chairman; Rev. A. H. Rhodes, Mrs. T. C. Coffey.

Committee on Program—Rev. Edwin S. Walker, Mrs. W. H. Taylor, Rev. E. B. Rogers.

At 1:50 o'clock the Report of the Committee on Resolutions was presented by Rev. T. C. Coffey, Chairman:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, beg leave to report as follows:

1. *Resolved*, That we, as an Association, do most heartily commend the Missionary Committee and Missionary work done by the pastors, during the past year, and we recommend a continuation for the coming year the plan of churches giving the time of their pastors for at least one week, including Sunday, for Associational Mission work under the direction of the Missionary Committee, and pledge to them our loyal support.

2. *Resolved*, That we commend the magnificent work of the Anti-Saloon League in their heroic effort to secure through the Legislature a Local Option Bill for the control of the liquor traffic in this state, and that we recommend our churches to aid in every possible way, and especially by voting for men who will stand by such legislation.

In view of the high-handed manner in which the Sabbath is being desecrated by Sunday newspapers, Sunday excursions, baseball games and other Sunday amusements,

3. *Resolved*, That we as a denomination utter our most earnest protest against the violation of the Lord's laws regulating the Sabbath Day.

4. *Resolved*, That we tender to the people of Edinburg and vicinity our most sincere thanks for the royal manner in which they have entertained the members and visitors of this association during this session.

A. N. SHARPES,
J. W. HARNLEY,
JOSEPH B. ROGERS,
Committee.

The resolutions were adopted.

Rev. J. B. Rogers presented the following, which, after some discussion, was adopted:

Resolved, That we believe that no Baptist Church should retain in its membership any person who persists in the habitual use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, or who is a saloonkeeper, or bartender, or who rents property for saloon, brewery, distillery, gambling, or other criminal purposes.

A resolution was passed to appoint a Committee to see about securing railroad rates for next session, and to notify the churches about same, and also the train times and changes to reach same.

The Moderator appointed as such Committee, Rev. A. H. Rhodes, Rev. J. B. Rogers, Rev. J. J. Midkiff.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION.

2:40 o'clock. The Baptist Young People's Union is a training school in which to fit the younger members of our churches, to carry on church work, after we have finished that which falls on us today.

We suggest that for successful training semi-annual rallies be held. There are comparatively few B. Y. P. U. Societies in the Association, and your Committee recommends that such Societies be organized in every church, and urge the young people to assist their pastors in the work of associational missions. We further recommend that each Society send one or more delegates to the State B. Y. P. U. rally at Joliet in October next. The Illinois Baptist Assembly held at the State Fair Grounds in Springfield in July last was a pronounced success.

This Assembly affords a splendid opportunity to our people, for an outing, combining study, instruction and inspiration, rest and good fellowship. As the Assembly will be held again next year, we earnestly urge that our people continue its loyal support.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. ROGERS,
E. L. JAMES,
ALICE ERISMAN,
Committee

Adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Springfield Baptist Association,

In Account with HENRY A. CONVERSE, Treasurer.

CREDIT.	
1904	
Sept. 1.....	By balance from 1904 report\$ 25.50
7.....	By cash received from Churches for Missions..... 46.18
Oct. 7.....	By cash received of Shelbyville and Moweaqua Churches for Foreign Missions 43.90
"	By cash from Assumption Church of Baptist Ministers' Aid Society..... 3.35
"	By cash from Berlin Church for same 5.66
"	By cash from Moweaqua Church for same 3.00
"	By cash from Stonington Church for same 5.25
Oct. 26..	By cash received from Trustees of Strawbridge Fund 50.00
Total amount received .....\$182.84	
DEBTOR.	
1904	
Oct. 29...	To cash paid Schnepf & Lauer Co., for printing 1,100 copies Minutes\$ 34.50
Sept. 14....	To cash paid E. W. Lounsbury, Secretary A. B. Missionary Union 43.90
" 15 ...	To cash paid J. S. Boyden, Secretary Baptist Ministers' Aid Society 17.26
Oct. 10.....	To cash paid express on Minutes 3.80
" 10.....	To cash paid postage 1.65
" 10.....	To cash paid Rev. E. B. Rogers for preaching Strawbridge Annual Sermon 25.00
1905	
Sept. 1.....	To cash paid Edwin S. Walker, for services as Clerk 20.00
" 1.....	To cash paid for blank Church Letters 1.00
" 1.....	To cash paid for postage and envelopes 1.53
" 1.....	To cash paid for printing 300 programs for 1905 3.00
	Balance cash on hand 31.20
Total .....\$182.84	

HENRY A. CONVERSE,
Treasurer.

On motion of Rev. E. S. Walker, the sum of \$25.00 was appropriated out of the balance in the Treasury, to the building fund of the Pawnee Church.

At 3 o'clock Rev. S. D. McKenny of Alton delivered an Address representing the A. B. Home Mission Society.

At 3:30 Mr. E. H. Curtis spoke in the interest of the Anti-Saloon League.

At 4 o'clock Rev. E. P. Brand, who had recently returned from London, delivered an address upon Lessons of the Baptist Congress, which he attended as a delegate from the Illinois Baptist General Association, and its relation to educational interests, and world-wide Evangelization.

The Report of the Trustees was read and adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

1. The Trustees of the Association respectfully report that the STRAWBRIDGE ANNUAL SERMON was preached by REV. EUCLID B. ROGERS, of Springfield, in the Central Baptist Church in Springfield on the second Sunday in October, 1904.

2. That the accrued annual interest of \$50.00 on the Strawbridge Fund of \$1,000 was collected on the 26th day of October, 1904, and duly reported and paid to the Treasurer.

3. That we recommend that Rev. P. S. Heald of Shelbyville be appointed to preach the STRAWBRIDGE ANNUAL SERMON on the second Sunday in October, 1906.

EDWIN S. WALKER, }
J. OTIS HUMPHREY, } Trustees.
EDWARD D. KEYS, }

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEXT SESSION.

Rev. Theodore C. Coffey, Chairman of the Committee on Next Session, respectfully reports, recommending that the next Annual Meeting be held with the church at Pana, and that the INTRODUCTORY SERMON be preached by Rev. E. L. James of Decatur.

The Report was adopted and the Next Session will be held at Pana on the first Wednesday and Thursday of September, 1906, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m., on Wednesday.

At 5 o'clock the business of the Session having been completed, the Association adjourned, with prayer, by Rev. E. S. Walker.

EDWIN S. WALKER,

Clerk.

H. WEDDINGTON,

Moderator.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Association.

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING.

At 3:00 o'clock p. m. the Society was called to order by the President, Mrs. E. B. ROGERS.

Miss Ella Chapman of Stonington offered prayer. A Nominating Committee composed of Mrs. Jennison, of Decatur, Mrs. Gregory, of Moweaqua, and Mrs. Richardson of Edinburg was appointed to report at the Conference.

MISS NELLE REED of Fairmount, W. Virginia, represented the Women's Baptist Home Mission Society and brought before our minds a new field that among the miners of her state.

All were deeply interested in what Miss Reed had to say to us, and our prayers will follow her to her field.

MRS. W. L. SANDERS of Bloomington brought to us the interests of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of the West in a most interesting and instructive talk of twenty minutes.

The offering amounted to \$6.56.

We sang "Stand up for Jesus" and were dismissed by Mrs. Sanders with prayer.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE.

At 5:00 o'clock p. m. the Women's Conference was opened with prayer by Mrs. Rogers, the minutes were read and approved. Reports from Miss Chapman and Mrs. Taylor were very encouraging. There has been growth along all lines, societies, membership, donations and interest, and the prospects are brighter than ever before.

Letters were read from Berlin, Oreana, Jacksonville, Old Stonington, Moweaqua, Decatur, Home and Foreign, and Shelbyville.

The Nominating Committee reported for *President*, Mrs. E. B. ROGERS, Springfield; *Vice President*, Mrs. L. A. COLEMAN, Jacksonville; *Secretary*, Mrs. W. H. TAYLOR, Springfield, and the Secretary was instructed to cast the vote for the persons named; it was so cast and they were declared duly elected.

Miss Reed spoke of the general work and we were dismissed with prayer by Mrs. E. B. Elder.

Adjourned.

MRS. W. H. TAYLOR,

Secretary.

MRS. E. B. ROGERS,

President.

THE
BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLES UNION
OF THE
SPRINGFIELD, ASSOCIATION.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION.

At 7:30 o'clock the meeting was called to order by the President. Praise Service was led by REV. E. L. JAMES, Decatur.

The Young People's business meeting was held in the afternoon, in order that more time could be given the evening address.

The Nominating Committee was appointed as follows: Rev. P. S. Heald, Shelbyville; Rev. S. H. Bowyer, Decatur, and Miss May of Edinburg.

The Secretary and Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Dr. Bowyer made a motion recommending that each Society in the Association, take a collection, for Home Missions, in assisting Rev. E. O. Butler of Colorado, in his work. Carried.

The money is to be sent to Dr. Bowyer to be transmitted by him to Rev. Mr. Butler direct.

Rev. P. S. Heald, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported, recommending the following officers:

President—REV. J. B. ROGERS, Springfield.

Vice President—REV. R. H. CLAXON.

Secretary and Treasurer—EMMA L. MALONE, Decatur, R. R. No. 1.

Junior Superintendent—LAURA C. WHITE, Jacksonville.

By vote they were declared duly elected.

The address of the evening was delivered by DR. MELBOURNE P. BOYNTON of Chicago, from Heb. 12-1, THEME, "The needful element of Young People's Work, Patience." Greetings from Societies. Rev. S. D. McKenny, of Alton, closed the session with Consecration Service.

EMMA L. MALONE,

Secretary

IN MEMORIAM.

ASSUMPTION.

Mrs. James Ridge, one of our faithful charter members, and Mrs. Isabel Kinkead, a member for thirty-two years.

CHATHAM.

One member has died

SPRINGFIELD CENTRAL CHURCH.

Seven members have died.

SOUTH SEVENTH STREET CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD.

Mrs. Chas. L. Barber, Mrs. John Difani, Herbert C. Wilson.

DECATUR.

Four members have died.

JACKSONVILLE.

Mrs. James Daily, Mrs. Robartis Smith, Mrs. F. McDougall, Mrs. Benj. Holkenbrink, Mrs. Anna Simms, a member since 1848, and the oldest member of the church. Those all died in the Faith and have passed into the believers' reward.

LOAMI.

One member has died.

MOWEAQUA.

Five members have died.

MORRISONVILLE.

Two members have died.

TAYLORVILLE.

Six members have died.

SHELBYVILLE.

Two members have died.

STONINGTON.

Brother Alfred Briggs, a faithful member for 48 years.
Thomas A. Rigsby, one of the younger members.

PANA.

Brother Frank White, Sister Anna Mack, and Sister ——— Davis.

OREANA.

One member has died.

ABSTRACT OF LETTERS.

ASSUMPTION—Bro. Leon W. Sloan was with us as pastor, until June 1st. Since that time the pulpit has been filled only part of the time by visiting brethren. Our Sunday School is in a prosperous condition under the efficient supervision of S. E. Cushing. The Ladies' Aid Society meets regularly with fair attendance and interest. During the year five have been received by letter and we have lost two members by death.

BERLIN—Our beloved pastor is well started on his third year; is faithfully preaching the Word and laboring to sustain the cause of Christ. As a church some progress has been made in the different lines of church work. A series of meetings was held last January and February. Bro. Cooper of Meweagua and Bro. Masterson of Waverly came to the assistance of our pastor. Several young people professed faith in Christ, and united with the church. Our prayer meetings are fairly well attended. Have a good Sunday School, not large but interesting. Our Young People's meeting every Sabbath evening, is under the supervision of the pastor. The church has been re-covered and repapered and a baptistry put in.

CHATHAM—Rev. J. W. Harnly followed Bro. Henry as pastor of the church December 1, 1904. Rev. D. C. Blunt, of Rantoul, assisted the pastor in a twelve days' meeting in March. There were six conversions and three baptisms. The church was greatly revived and strengthened in all departments. The B. Y. P. U. was reorganized and is doing good work. On the whole, the Baptist cause is gaining ground in Chatham.

CENTRAL—Springfield—Under the leadership of our pastor, Rev. E. B. Rogers, ably assisted by his estimable wife, we can again report progress along material lines, as shown by various reports, and more than all these we firmly believe much spiritual gain has been accomplished. Since June 1st the pastor, and congregation of the Second Presbyterian church, have shared our church home with us, to the satisfaction of all concerned, and the building up of Christian fellowship. Following the wise leadership of the assistant pastor, Rev. T. C. Coffey, and his devoted family, the brethren of the Elliott Avenue chapel have accomplished much, and are steadily laying foundations for a successful independent church, in that part of the city.

SOUTH SEVENTH STREET—Springfield—During the winter months we conducted a revival meeting productive of great good, a number were converted and the church was greatly strengthened. During the summer months a series of tent meetings, one on the east side, the other in the southwest part of the city, have resulted in a number of conversions. Our mission in the east part of the city has grown in numbers and financial strength. Our mission at Black Avenue has maintained its strength in the midst of great trials. Our Sunday School report shows splendid result. The B. Y. P. U. has planned large and has successfully worked their plans.

DECATUR—Our beloved brother, Rev. S. H. Bowyer, is still with us as our pastor, directing our efforts. His hands have been strengthened by Rev. E. L. James, who came to us as Assistant Pastor, during the month of May. He has particular charge of our work at East Park Chapel, and during March, immediately before his call, with the assistance of our pastor, conducted a very successful revival meeting at the Chapel, resulting in many conversions, and additions to the church. During the year a Men's Club has been organized to assist in the work of the church. We take pleasure in reporting 45 as having come into our church by baptism, during the year, 40 of whom were from our Sunday Schools.

DIAMOND GROVE—A small part of our members are trying to keep house for our Lord, by observing one Sabbath service, and a weekly prayer meeting. Our pastor is yet spared and able to declare the Gospel to us, for which we are very thankful. Sometimes we are cheered with a sermon from a visiting min-

ister. Part of our members are so remote from us that they are of little or no help to us. We greatly desire the prosperity of Christ's cause, and hope to be faithful over the few remaining things.

EDINBURG—In August, by request of our pastor, Rev. C. E. Henry, he was released to accept a call to the pastorate at Ashland, Ill. During the months of February and March a successful meeting was held and thirty members were added to our numbers. Our pastor, during the winter devoted time to mission work at Mount Auburn, where nine persons were received into the church. An arm of the church was also extended to Bolivia, which resulted in sixteen additions to the church.

JACKSONVILLE—In January Rev. W. B. Morris, of DeKalb, Ill., assisted our pastor in special services; many conversions resulted, and a number united with this church. The organizations of the church have kept up their activity and interest and through them the church has been greatly aided. Our Sunday School is now in charge of Dr. George H. Koppert, a most earnest leader. The B. Y. P. U. is a band of energetic Christian workers.

LOAMI—The church has not made any advancement in the last year. Our prayer meeting, B. Y. P. U., and Sunday School have been kept up by a few faithful members, but with their greatest efforts it seems almost impossible to get a full attendance to any of the services. Bro. H. A. Hoover served us as pastor until April; since that time Bro. J. E. Elliot, of Springfield, has been preaching for us one-half time.

MOWEAQUA—We enjoyed quite a spiritual blessing last winter, which resulted in the conversion of twenty-six persons, though we held no protracted meeting. We have frescoed and made other needed improvements upon our house of worship. Our Sunday School has increased its enrollment ninety-two and is in good condition for work. Our B. Y. P. U. has not the attendance nor interest we want to see; but we have a faithful few who do good work. Our ladies organized a Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society. The society has eleven members, and is doing good work in mission study.

MORRISONVILLE—For the past year the church has only had preaching occasionally by a supply from Shurtleff College, however, we have held together very well affording a good congregation at the preaching services and maintaining a good prayer meeting all the time. We have just engaged a pastor on the field for one-half time. The church is united, and in the spirit for work, he has been on the field only one month, and the prayer meetings and the preaching services have increased wonderfully both in number and interest. We maintain a good Sunday School under the efficient leadership of Bro. Frank Barnett as superintendent. We also have an interesting Young People's Union with a good attendance.

OREANA—Our pastor, Rev. A. N. Sharpes, after serving for several months, has been recently called for an indefinite time, preaching all time. We are working on all lines, viz.: Woman's Missionary Society, prayer meeting, Baptist Young People's Society and Sunday School.

PANA—The year has been one of many blessings. Rev. A. H. Rhodes has been with us a year and the Lord has blessed his efforts in the addition of 17 by baptism and three on profession of faith. We have been able to contribute regularly to the different benevolent organizations. All the services have been well attended. A deeper word of grace is being manifested by the membership. We cordially invite the Association to meet with us next year.

PAWNEE—Our pastor, Rev. R. H. Claxon, has earnestly preached the word of life and endeavored to raise a higher standard of Christian living. We have no house of worship, but meet in the town hall. Have purchased a lot and are earnestly at work, asking for help and sympathy in our efforts to build a house of worship. We have had two revival meetings during the year resulting in twenty additions by baptism. We have an active Sunday School and maintain a weekly Prayer meeting.

PLEASANT PLAINS—The resignation of our pastor, Rev. Jas. W. Harnley was reluctantly accepted in November. Rev. H. A. Hoover very ably filled the pulpit for a short time, and is now preaching for us very acceptably one-half the time. The Ladies' Aid Society have re-papered and re-carpeted the house, which were much needed improvements. Sunday School has been maintained throughout the year.

SHELBYVILLE—Bro. Prescott S. Heald is still our pastor, and by his untiring energy, and by the use of much tact, he has united together a body of working Christians, whose aim is to do the Lord's will. In the early part of 1905, he had the assistance of Brother W. H. Breach of Winchester, Ill., in a series of special meetings, twenty-three were added to the church. Our Young People's Union, after a period of sound slumber, has now aroused itself into working condition. Our prayer meetings have been fairly well attended. Our Sunday School has been a very cheering part of the work.

STONINGTON—The Wednesday evening prayer service is sustained throughout the year. There have been fourteen additions to the church from the Sunday School. The Missionary Society has been well supported and has contributed to both branches of the work. The church has been served by the pastor, Rev. R. E. Burt, for the past two years. On Sunday morning, August 27th, Bro. James M. Lively took a text from which he preached and after hearing this sermon and the statements in regard to his belief that he is called into the work of preaching the unsearchable riches of the gospel—the church granted him a license to engage in proclaiming Christ and Him crucified.

NEW STONINGTON—We are glad we are permitted to report some progress in increased membership, and progress in individual efforts in Sunday School department of church work. Our net increase in membership was twenty. The enthusiasm in Sunday School work was the result of deeper conviction of personal achievements—a stronger desire to build up Christian men and women, in the vineyard of the Lord. The revival meetings, under the guidance of God, through his servants, Rev. Midkiff, pastor of the church, and Rev. R. F. Kilgore, an evangelist, was an inspiration to our church and resulted in great blessings to our members and the salvation of many souls.

TAYLORVILLE—The first of November, 1904, we called as pastor Rev. H. H. Branch, who has nobly worked among us. Our Sunday School, and Young People's Union are doing well. Our Missionary Society is active and much interest is taken in this branch of the church. The work of the year culminated in a great evangelistic campaign of one month, in a temporary tabernacle, in which we united with five other denominations, employing Rev. E. J. Baskerville, of Madison, Wis., as evangelist. More than seventy have expressed a desire to unite with the Baptist church.

ZENOBIA—During the past year our services have been somewhat irregular. Bro. R. H. Claxon has preached to us, when possible on alternate Sunday afternoons. His sermons have been very helpful and there is evidence of a quickening of spirituality in the church. The interest in our Sunday School is good.

REPORTS OF HOME AND FOREIGN MISSION WORK of the Woman's Missionary Society of
The Springfield Baptist Association.

SPRINGFIELD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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CHURCH	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.	Members Mission Circle.	Tidings Taken.....	Helping Hand Taken	Cash contributed to the W. B. H. M. S. from Apr. 1, '04 to Apr. 1, '05	Cash contributed to the W. B. F. M. W. from Sept. 1, '04 to Sept.1, '05
Assumption.....	No Circle.	Mrs. E. B. Warren.	11	11	4	\$17 00	\$10 50
Berlin.....	Mrs P. N. Boynton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethel.....	No Circle..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Chatham.....	No Circle.....	.....	.....	.....	15	5 50	80 71
Decatur { Home.....	Mrs. George Drobisch.....	Mrs. Edith D. Bethel.....	40	.....	.....	40 00	.....
{ Foreign.....	Mrs. A. F. Jennison.....	Mrs. Chas. Kemper.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Diamond Grove.....	No Circle.....	.....	13	4	.....	4 63	.....
Edinburg.....	Mrs. C. A. Stokes.....	Mrs. A. Rhodes.....	30	4	15	55 00	17 40
Jacksonville { Home.....	Miss Mable Goltra.....	Mrs. George Hocking.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
{ Foreign.....	Mrs. I. C. Coleman.....	Miss Elizabeth Rawlings.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Loani.....	No Circle.....	.....	11	.....	1	3 00	.....
Morrisonville.....	No Circle.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Moweauqua.....	Mrs. A. D. Cooper.....	Miss Rosetta Thomas.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....
New Stonington.....	Mrs. J. I. Owens.....	Mrs. Mattie Burgess.....	9	4	6	10 50	16 00
Oreana.....	Mrs. W. W. Merritt.....	Miss Rosa O. Bower.....	9	.....	.....	12 57	27 85
Pana.....	Mrs. Carrie Ludwick.....	Mrs. A. A. Ferguson.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pawnee.....	No Circle.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....
Pleasant Plains.....	No Circle.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Second Bethel.....	No Circle.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shelbyville.....	Mrs. L. E. Fish.....	Miss Grau Harris.....	22	4	10	15 50	12 00
Springfield (Central) Woman's Circle).....	Mrs. E. B. Rogers.....	Mrs. J. O. Humphrev.....	58	5	.....	93 53	84 71
(Y. Woman's Circle).....	Miss M. E. Humphrey.....	Miss Elizabeth Beam.....	35	2	.....	19 34	19 34
(What I Can).....	Miss Anna Willer.....	.....	18	1	.....	3 75	3 75
(In As Much Circle).....	Miss Hazel Smith.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	5 00
(South).....	Mrs. E. B. Elder.....	Mrs. W. E. Leber.....	26	6	5	13 00	18 00
Stonington.....	Mrs. Mary E. Duncan.....	Miss Ella Chapman.....	19	10	3	20 46	27 09
Taylorville.....	Mrs. S. L. Chamberlain.....	Mrs. C. E. Barnes.....	16	1	10	16 25	23 20
Zenobia.....	No Circle.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00	.....
Associational Collections.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	3 77
Totals.....	.....	.....	317	52	69	\$354 03	\$351 35

NOTE—The above figures are from April 1, 1904 to April 1, 1905, for Home work, and from Sept. 1, 1904 to Sept. 1, 1905, for Foreign work.

Mrs. W. H. TAYLOR; Secretary.

TABLE OF CHURCH STATISTICS.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	CLERKS WITH THEIR POST OFFICE.	PASTORS AND MESSENGERS.	GAIN.				LOSS.				Total Number . . .
			Baptism . . .	Letter	Experience.	Restored . .	Letter	Excluded . .	Erased	Died	
Assumption	Mrs. Ada Corzine	S. E. Cushing, Mrs. Ada Corzine, William Thomas	1	5	..	..	12	..	..	2	121
Berlin	Miss May Fulton	REV. H. WEDDINGTON	8	..	2	..	..	1	2	..	116
Chatham	Mrs. A. R. Proman	REV. J. W. HARNLEY, Mrs. Lou Decker, J. K. Durham	3	1	..	..	3	3	1	1	34
Central, Springfield . . .	John H. Neher	REV. E. B. ROGERS, REV. T. C. COFFEY, <i>Rev. Edwin S. Walker</i> , W. A. Pavey and Wife, Mrs. E. B. Rogers, George D. Caldwell, Daniel E. Morgan, Prof. J. H. Collins, John H. Neher, Mrs. W. H. Taylor, Mrs. C. H. Harlow, Miss Eleanor Hay, Mrs. F. W. Willer, Mrs. Jennie Shade, Mrs. Mary A. Bridge, Miss Sylvia Sutton, Louise Taylor, Mrs. Melton, W. A. McKinnie	55	27	8	..	29	..	46	7	1015
South Seventh Street, Springfield	Curtis J. Anderson	REV. J. B. ROGERS, Mrs. E. B. Elder, Mrs. Alice Foster, Mrs. Hattie Haines, Miss Alice Erisman, Miss Ethel Parkinson, Mrs. D. A. Neer, Miss Roberta M. Brown	62	37	13	..	6	..	..	3	304
Decatur	Jesse L. Deck	REV. S. H. BOWYER, REV. E. L. JAMES, Reed Spencer, Mrs. J. T. Owens, Sister Starc, F. P. Allen	45	21	4	..	2	184	..	4	694
Diamond Grove	Miss E. F. Holmes, Jack'ville	REV. D. D. HOLMES—Not present	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	24
Edinburg	Isaac Westbrook	REV. C. E. HENRY, Dea, A. E. Whitmer, Benj. Rhodes, D. Jordan, James Haley and Miss Clara Kelley	56	4	3	..	4	..	..	6	164
Jacksonville	W. B. Pearson	REV. T. H. Marsh—Not present	42	15	2	..	17	1	..	1	455
Loami	H. G. Campbell	H. G. Campbell	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	75
Moweaqua	Miss Bertha West	REV. A. D. COOPER, Mrs. W. Gregory, Miss Rosella Thomas, Mrs. L. P. Bullock	26	11	..	..	5	..	15	5	325
Morrisonville	Miss Bena Buchanan	REV. R. H. CLAXON and Wife, Miss Daisy Kelly, Mrs. Pratt	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	2	46
Oreana	C. P. Rainey (R. F. D. No. 1.)	REV. A. N. SHARPES, Miss Bertha Sharpes, Wm. Merritt and Wife, Miss Emma L. Malone, J. W. Moize	4	1	..	..	..	6	24	3	110
Pana	O. C. King	REV. A. H. RHODES	17	..	3	1	6	..	..	3	253
Pawnee.	Mrs. Lenore Self	REV. R. H. CLAXON, <i>Rev. Julian Marshall</i> , Mrs. Wm. Stout, Mrs. Hiram White	19	3	5	..	1	1	..	..	50
Pleasant Plains	E. D. Boynton	Rev. H. A. Hoover, Dea M. Dunkel and Wife, Mrs. T. C. Richardson	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	47
Providence	M. Bellamy, Stonington	No letter or messengers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Shelbyville	A. G. Mizell, M. D	REV. P. S. HEALD	19	4	1	..	..	..	1	2	179
Stonington	Miss Ella Chapman	REV. R. E. BURT, J. L. Sanders, Jas. M. Lively, Sterling Sterns, W. Robinson and Wife	18	2	3	1	9	..	..	2	167
New Stonington	J. Irving Owen	REV. J. J. MIDKIFF and Wife, Mrs. Lockwood	12	10	2	..	4	..	..	..	83
Taylorville	Mrs. Beatrice S. Smith	REV. H. H. BRANCH	18	13	1	..	10	..	..	6	358
Zenobia	W. F. Rich	Deacon Mark Sloman, Deacon C. H. Clower	1	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	50
Totals . . . . .	.. . . . .	.. . . . .	406	154	47	2	121	214	62	45	4672

Pastors in SMALL CAPITALS; ordained ministers in *Italic*. P. O. address same as name of Church, where not otherwise indicated.

TABLE OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND GENERAL STATISTICS.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.										CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS.							
NAME OF SCHOOLS.	SUPERINTEND- ENTS.	Officers and Teachers	Scholars.....	Average Attendance	Scholars Baptized	Sunday School Expenses	State Missions....	Home Missions...	Foreign Missions.	Bible and Publication Society	Orphans' Home...	Baptist Ministers' Home	Christian Education	Miscellaneous ...	Church Expenses.	Church Property..	Minutes
Assumption..	S. E. Cushing	12	100	63	5	\$80 00	\$12 00	\$11 00	\$6 75	\$11 34	\$7 38	\$5 66	\$17 00	\$4 00	\$763	\$4,500	\$2 00
New Berlin..	E. L. Rhea.....	9	82	37	7	43 52	12 00	19 50					3 00	20 15	919	4,500	1 50
Bethel.....																	10 00
Central Springfeld.....	Frank W. Pugh.....	19	145	130		150 04	51 00	48 65	68 25			19 25	23 90		4,9 6	48,000	
So 7th St., Springfield	J. T. Pennington.....	41	310	260		25 00	41 25	41 67	37 90					35 00	1,381	2,000	2 50
Cent. N. Chapel, Sp'd														2 00	314	4,500	75
Chatham	Mary Aldrich	8	30	22	1	14 00	11 24	10 00	6 00	9 00	1 00				4,000	2,000	5 00
Decatur	Owen Scott.	31	442	245	40	110 00	45 30	53 48	50 00							2,000	
Decatur E. P. Mission	J. E. Saxton.....	10	160	100			10 00	15 60	15 00	14 00						1,000	
Diamond Grove.....																	50
Edinburg	A. E. Whitmer.....	20	130	70	29			5 20	8 50			8 20	16 40		804	3,000	1 00
Jacksonville	G. H. Kopperl.....	35	378	234	21	142 50	63 50	78 69	32 72	30 78				153 00	3,055	20,000	3 00
Loami	Frank Brewer														350	1,500	1 00
Moweague.....	W. H. Silver.....	14	216	120	20	103 13	10 00	05 77	15 00	2 00	5 00	4 00	16 50	37 00	2,150	10,000	1 97
Morrisonville	Frank Barnett.....	10	67	39		33 50			3 85					10 90	446	4,000	1 00
Oreana.....	Mrs. A. N. Sharpes	10	70	34		40 00	41 90	5 05	7 31	8 78	8 00	5 35	11 16	6 00	478	3,000	2 00
Pana.....	O. C. King.....	16	146	95	17	60 00	10 00	5 50	8 64	6 00						7,200	2 00
Pawnee.....	Rev. Julian Marshall.....	8	55	27	5		4 00								308		1 00
Pleasant Plains																	
Shelbyville.....	Milton Dunkel.....	8	35	25		8 10		6 32							367	3,600	1 00
Stonington	W. C. Headen.....	16	140	84	12	103 50	34 45	57 50	45 00				14 00		1,000	5,000	2 00
New Stonington	O. E. Briggs.....	14	90	65	141	30 00	22 00	18 86		5 00	3 15	3 25		9 18	1,200	4,000	2 00
Taylorville	Irving Owen.....	12	88	40	12	40 63		28 31	5 00	4 55					927	3,500	1 50
Zenobia.....	Frank Wheeler.....	17	125	88		58 76	41 83							5 00	1,700	10,000	2 00
E. Edwards St. Mis...	C. H. Clower.....	10	62	46		32 73		4 00	5 00			6 00			154	1,500	1 00
Ridgely Mission	H. W. Hiller.....																
	Miss Eva B. Johnson..																
Totals.....		343	2900	1850	183	\$1075 40	\$413 52	\$430 50	\$317 97	\$91 65	\$24 45	\$50 00	\$273 38	\$5,200	\$24,273	\$189,500	\$44 72

ANNUAL REPORT
Of the Baptist Young People's Societies of the Springfield Baptist Association for Year Ending July 1, 1905.

NAME OF CHURCH.	NAME OF PRESIDENT.	MEMBERS.			NAME OF SOCIETY
		Active...	Associate..	Total. ...	
Central, Springfield.	W. A. Pavey.....	81	20	90	Baptist Union.....
Chatham	Frank Pilcher.....	34	4	38	Baptist Union.....
Decatur	George Owens.....	65	10	75	Christian Endeavor.....
Edinburg	Ida May.....	54		54	Baptist Union.....
Jacksonville	Carrie Spire.....	75		75	Baptist Union
Loani.....	Will Sturgis.....	26	6	32	Baptist Union
Moweaqua.....	Mrs. Nora Gregory	15		15	Babtist Union.....
Morrisonville.....	Daisy Kelly.....	8	4	12	Baptist Union.....
Oreana.....	Emma L. Malone.....	13	6	19	Baptist Union.....
Pana.....	Ona Jehle.....	42	15	57	Baptist Union. . .
Shelbyville.....	Herman Harris.....	23	4	27	Baptist Union.....
South Seventh Street Church, Springfield.	Bessie Walker	82		82	Baptist Union.....
Elliott Avenue Chapel, Springfield	George Bickes	60		60	Christian Endeavor
Taylorville.....	Alice Denton.....	15	16	31	Baptist Union.....
Zenobia	Mark Sloman.....	14	8	22	Baptist Union... ..
		607	83	690	

JUNIOR STATISTICS.

Central, Springfield.....	Miss Annie M. Willer.....	No report.	Baptist Jnuior Union.....
South Seventh Street Chureh.....	Mrs. T. B. Shepley		Baptist Junior Union.....
Elliott Avenue Chapel.....	Miss Margaret Coffey		Junior Christian Endeavor . . .
Shelbyville.....	Miss Ida Conn.....		Junior Union
Jacksonsonville.....	Miss Laura White		Junior Union
Moweaqua.	Mrs. A. D. Cooper		Junior Union.....

Our Associational Officers are: President, Rev. Jos. B. Rogers, Springfield, Ill. Vice President R. H. Claxon, Morrisonville, Ill. Secretary, Miss Emma L. Malone, Decatur R. R. I.

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Minutes

OF THE

Sixty-Ninth Anniversary

OF THE

Springfield Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE

Pana Baptist Church

Pana, Illinois

September 5 and 6, 1906

OFFICERS:

Moderator—REV. E. K. SHULTZ.

Clerk—REV. EDWIN S. WALKER.

Treasurer—HENRY A. CONVERSE.

THE SEVENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION will be held with the Taylorville Baptist Church, commencing on the first Wednesday in September, 1907, at 10 o'clock a. m.

With compliments of the Clerk

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be called THE SPRINGFIELD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, and shall be composed of such Baptist Churches, as enjoy the fellowship of their sister churches, of the Baptist denomination. The object of this Association is to promote the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ, at home and abroad, and by correspondence and co-operation with other Associations and Missionary organizations connected with the Baptist denomination strive to upbuild the Redeemer's Kingdom among men.

ART. II. Every church composed of a less number than twenty shall be entitled to two messengers, and an additional messenger for every twenty members.

ART. III. This Association shall meet annually on the first Wednesday in September, at 10 o'clock a. m., commence its session with public worship and continue in session two days.

ART. IV. A Moderator and a Clerk shall be chosen by ballot at each session of the Association, who will continue in office until others are elected to supply their places. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside, and lead in all transactions of the Association, and to see that due order and decorum are observed by all the members. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to make a full and impartial record of all the doings of the Association during the session, and furnish a correct copy of the same for publication. Three Trustees shall be chosen by ballot, who shall manage and control and hold in trust all such funds as may have been, or may hereafter be bequeathed to the Springfield Baptist Association, according to the provision of such bequests. Said Trustees, at the first election, shall be elected to serve for three years, after which time, one of said Trustees shall be elected to serve for one year, one for two years and one for three years, and thereafter only one shall be elected annually, to serve for three years, except to fill a vacancy.

ART. V. A Treasurer shall be chosen every year, whose duty it shall be to receive and safely keep all the monies belonging to this body, and pay them out only as directed by this body (unless otherwise specified by the donor,) and transmit to his successor in office the books, together with the monies remaining in his hands, at the expiration of his term of office.

ART. VI. Each church represented shall send with its Messengers, a letter, giving an account of its progress during the past year; its additions, diminutions, and whole number; what it is doing for the cause of Christ at home and abroad; and in short, whatever relates to its prosperity and peace as a church of Jesus Christ.

Each church is expected to contribute and forward money for the the printing of Minutes, the amount to equal one and a half cents per member, of such church.

ART. VII. Any church wishing to unite with this Association, applying by letter and delegates, may be received by giving satisfactory information that it is sound in doctrine and correct in practice, on the reception of which the Moderator shall give one of its delegates the right hand of fellowship on behalf of the body.

ART. VIII. When a church shall neglect to make any communication with this Association for three years in succession, it may be dropped from the Minutes, unless its continuance is requested by at least two members, who shall engage to inquire into its condition, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ART. IX. The Association can exercise no authority or jurisdiction over the churches, each one of which is an independent body; nevertheless, the Association shall have the power to refuse any church a seat in this body which shall prove unworthy of its fellowship.

ART. X. The Association shall have power to hold correspondence with other Associations as may be expedient.

ART. XI. This Constitution may be amended at any Annual Meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, provided notice shall have been given of the proposed amendment at a previous Annual Meeting.

BY-LAWS.

1. Every meeting of the Association shall be closed with prayer.
2. No question shall be discussed until it is regularly moved and seconded.
3. No member of the Association shall speak on any question more than twice nor more than ten minutes, without special leave of the Moderator.
4. Every member speaking shall address himself to the Moderator; shall avoid all improper personalities, and shall confine himself to the question before the Association.
5. Ministers, and others, invited to take a seat with us, may take part in discussing all questions, but vote on none.
6. No member shall leave the Association without leave of the Moderator.
7. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to appoint all Committees, unless it be otherwise ordered at the time.
8. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and it shall be put without debate.
9. These Rules shall be read at the opening of every Annual Meeting of the Association.

Minutes

OF THE

Sixty-Ninth Anniversary

OF THE

Springfield Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE

Pana Baptist Church

Pana, Illinois

September 5 and 6, 1906

OFFICERS:

Moderator—REV. E. K. SHULTZ.
Clerk—REV. EDWIN S. WALKER.
Treasurer—HENRY A. CONVERSE.

THE SEVENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION will be held with the
Taylorville Baptist Church, commencing on the first Wednesday
in September, 1907, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Officers and Standing Committees.

MODERATOR—REV. E. K. SHULTZ.

CLERK—REV. EDWIN S. WALKER.

TREASURER—HENRY A. CONVERSE.

TRUSTEES:

EDWARD D. KEYS,

EDWIN S. WALKER,

J. OTIS HUMPHREY.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

HOME MISSIONS.

REV. J. B. ROGERS, *Chairman*, REV. C. P. KIRBY, MRS. A. H. RHODES

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

REV. E. B. ROGERS, *Chairman*, REV. A. N. SHARPES, MRS. T. C. COFFEY

STATE MISSIONS.

REV. T. B. SHEPLEY, *Chairman*, REV. S. H. BOWYER, REV. A. H. RHODES

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

REV. D. L. MCBRIDE, *Chairman*, REV. R. H. CLAXON, REV. J. B. ROGERS

SUNDAY AND BIBLE-SCHOOLS.

REV. R. H. CLAXON, *Chairman*, REV. H. WEDDINGTON, MR. S. E. CUSHING

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP.

REV. S. H. BOWYER, *Chairman*, REV. T. C. COFFEY, REV. R. E. BURT

COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM.

REV. S. H. BOWYER, REV. EDWIN S. WALKER, MR. J. L. DECK

MINISTERS WITH THEIR POST OFFICE ADDRESSES:

*ALEXANDER, J. P.	Auburn	HOOVER, R. A.	Pleasant Plains
BOWYER, S. H.	Decatur	MARSH, T. H.	Jacksonville
BURT, R. E.	Stonington	*MARSHALL, J. M.	Pawnee
BROWN, J. B.	Divernon	*MIDKIFF, J. J.	Stonington
*CHAPIN, W. J.	Chatham	ROGERS, E. B.	Springfield
COFFEY, T. C.	Springfield	ROGERS, J. B.	Springfield
CLAXON, R. H.	Morrisonville	RHODES, A. H.	Pana
DERR, H. L.	Loami	SHARPES, A. N.	Orean
HOLMES, D. D.	Jacksonville	SHULTZ, E. K.	Taylorville
HAMILTON, C. L.	Elmhurst	WEDDINGTON, HARRY ..	New Berlin
HENDERSON, N. B.	Auburn	*WALKER, EDWIN S.	Springfield

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

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MINUTES

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The SPRINGFIELD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met with the Pana Baptist Church on Wednesday, September 5, 1906.

At 10 o'clock a. m., in the absence of the Moderator, the Association was called to order by the Clerk, REV. EDWIN S. WALKER.

Rev. E. K. Shultz, of Taylorville, was, on motion, appointed Moderator pro. tem.

Rev. T. H. Marsh, of Jacksonville, read selection of Scripture, from the 12th chapter of Romans, and led the Association in prayer.

A brief Song Service was led by Rev. Joseph B. Rogers.

On motion, the reading of the Rules of the Association was dispensed with.

Visiting brethren and sisters, and Representatives of Missionary organizations were invited to seats in the Association.

The following named Brethren and Sisters were present during the session: Rev. E. W. Lounsbury, District Secretary of the American Baptist Missionary Union, Chicago; Rev. S. C. Fulmer, of Indianapolis, representing the American Baptist Home Mission Society; Rev. James H. Davis, representing the Illinois Baptist General Association, Charleston, Illinois; Alfred C. Kelly, Field Secretary of Ewing College; Prof. Victor L. Duke, of Shurtleff College, Rev. George A. Cressey, representing the Central Baptist Orphanage at Maywood, Illinois; Rev. L. W. Hosttetter, Staunton, Illinois; Miss Mercedes Grane, of Cuba, representing the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society; Mrs. M. E. Kline, of Chicago, representing the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of the West; Mr. L. Ray Horton, Supt. Anti-Saloon League of Illinois; Rev. J. F. Woolforth, Pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Pana, and Brother G. Bass, of Oconee, Ill., a visitor from the Rehoboth Baptist Association.

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The Moderator appointed the following Committees for the session. On nomination of Officers, and Trustee for three years:

Rev. R. E. Burt, Rev. R. H. Claxon, and Miss Ella Chapman.

On enrollment—

The letter of the Pana Church, welcoming the Association to its hospitality, and its homes, was read by the Clerk.

At 10:30 o'clock the reading of the Church Letters was taken up and continued for twenty minutes.

At 10:50 o'clock after a brief Service of Song, and prayer by Rev. J. W. Johnson, of Assumption, the INTRODUCTORY SERMON was delivered. Text: 1st Cor., IX Chapter and 22d Verse: "*I am made all things, to all men, that I might by all means save some.*"

At 11:40 o'clock the Report of the Committee on Nomination of Officers, and Trustee, was made, as follows:

Moderator—REV. E. K. SHULTZ.

Clerk—REV. EDWIN S. WALKER.

Treasurer—HENRY A. CONVERSE.

Trustee—for three years—EDWARD D. KEYS.

On motion, the Report was accepted, and the Clerk was authorized to cast the ballot of the Association for the persons named therein. The ballot was so cast, and they were declared duly elected.

At 12 o'clock the Association adjourned, with prayer by Rev. Mr. Burt.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met at 1:30 o'clock, when a Devotional Song-Service for 20 minutes, was led by Rev. Joseph B. Rogers, of Springfield.

At 1:50 o'clock the reading of Church Letters was resumed.

The letters from two of the oldest Churches in the Association, viz., the Diamond Grove church, and the Jacksonville church asked for Letters of dismission from the Springfield Baptist Association, with a view of uniting with other churches in contiguous territory, in the organization of a new Association, to be known as the "Morgan County Baptist Association." The matter having been duly considered, the requests were granted, and the Clerk of this Association was authorized, upon being officially informed of the organization of the proposed new Association, to prepare Letters of dismission of the two churches named, for the purposes proposed, and transmit the same to the Clerks of said Churches, duly and officially certified.

In the proposed re-organization, or reconstruction of Associational boundaries, in Central Illinois, the desirability of which has long been well understood, while the two churches thus retire from the Springfield Association, three others come in to add to the list of its Churches, as it approaches the Seventieth anniversary of its existence. Letters of dismission from the old "Carrollton Baptist Association," to unite with the Springfield Baptist Association, were presented by the three following churches, viz., the Auburn Baptist Church, the Divernon Baptist Church, and the Bois de Arc Baptist Church, located near Thomasville, Montgomery County.

On motion these Churches were received, and the hand of welcome was extended by the Moderator, in behalf of the Association, to the Delegates present.

At 2:30 o'clock Prof. V. L. Duke of Shurtleff College, spoke for fifteen minutes, upon the subject of Christian Education.

At 2:45 o'clock the Moderator appointed the following Committees for the session:

Committee on B. Y. P. Union Societies—Rev. J. B. Rogers, Rev. R. H. Claxon, and Miss Rosella Thomas.

Committee on Resolutions—Rev. D. L. McBride, Rev. C. P. Kirby, and Miss Emma L. Malone.

Committee on Next Session—Rev. T. C. Coffey, Rev. J. W. Johnson.

Association took a recess, until 4 o'clock, the time to be devoted to the Woman's Society, until that hour.

At 4 o'clock, the business of the Association was resumed.

After a brief Service of Song, led by Rev. E. K. Shultz; upon special invitation, Rev. E. B. Rogers delivered a sermon, from the text, James 1.18, "*Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.*"

After giving notices, and prayer by the Moderator, adjourned to meet at 7:30 in the evening.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION.

Association met pursuant to adjournment at 7:30 o'clock.

A Service of Song led by Rev. D. L. McBride, of New Stonington, a fitting prelude to the evening exercises, occupied the time until—

At 8 o'clock when Rev. E. W. Lounsbury, District Secretary of the American Baptist Missionary Union, preached a Missionary Sermon, from the text, John V.17: "*My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.*"

At 8:30 o'clock, on motion of Rev. Mr. immediately following the sermon of Dr. Lounsbury, Rev. T. H. Marsh, of Jacksonville, preached a sermon from Matthew V.13: "*Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt have lost its savor, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.*"

At 9 o'clock Association adjourned with prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

PASTOR'S CONFERENCE.

The Pastor's Conference was convened at 8 o'clock, A. M., Rev. P. S. Heald in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Rev. R. E. Burt was elected Chairman and Rev. R. H. Claxon, of Morrisonville, was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

A bill of \$2.50 by the former Secretary, for printing programs of the last meeting of the Conference was presented; a collection was taken up, and the bill was paid.

After due consideration it was unanimously Resolved that hereafter the Conference meet quarterly, on the first Tuesday of the month, the place of meeting being designated from time to time, the first meeting to be held on the 6th of November, at New Stonington.

It was voted to divide the expense of attendance upon the meetings, equally among the Ministers attending them.

The name of the Organization was by unanimous vote changed, so that hereafter it shall be known as "The Central Illinois Baptist Conference," instead of "Pastor's Conference." It was further voted that the Churches of the Association be requested to grant their Pastors a two weeks' leave of absence at some time in the year, during which they may hold special meetings, at points where needed.

THE ASSOCIATION.

At 9 o'clock the Association met, with the MODERATOR in the chair, and the Rev. D. L. McBride, led in prayer.

The Report on State Missions, was presented by Rev. T. C. Coffey, Chairman of the Committee, and upon motion of Rev. E. S. Walker, it was adopted.

The Report on Associational Missions was presented by Rev. Joseph B. Rogers, Chairman, who spoke upon the subject at some length, when the report was adopted.

The Report upon Bible Schools was presented, by Rev. H. Weddington, Chairman, and adopted.

The Report on Foreign Missions was presented, and adopted without discussion.

At 10 o'clock the Report on Home Missions was presented by Rev. P. S. Heald, and without discussion adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE MISSIONS.

It is an old and thrilling story how Illinois has led the Nation. Baptists of the Springfield Association know it by heart, and yet we may forget that on the war-maps of King Immanuel it is the same old, strategical point. On the firing line the cause of Home Missions touches elbows with State Missions, the one seeking to capture the on-coming hosts of foreigners, while State Missions seek to take for Christ the three millions of unevangelized already here. It is a work worthy of a King. Last year we gave \$413,52, or less than 10 cents per member. This year the reports are so incomplete that it is not certain whether we have gained or lost a cent. One would expect that the churches giving nothing to State Missions would be those that are reported as pastorless, but as far as State Missions are concerned, might they not as well be pastorless if the State Missions column is blank?

Who will nudge the sleeping pastor or pastorless church into a wide-awake interest in the work of evangelizing the great State of Illinois.

The past year has been the best year of Superintendent Brande's administration. More money has been raised and the work is coming up finely. Not so much work has been done in our Association this year because so much was done last year.

We commend the efforts of our State workers to unite weak churches together, in the support of pastors, some thirty-five churches having been thus aided to secure pastors during the past year.

We recommend that the Associational Missionary Committee co-operate with the State worker in opening up fields and that the pastors lead the churches in praying and paying for State Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

T. C. COFFEY,

T. B. SHEPLEY,

Committee.

The Report was adopted.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION WORK.

The report of the Committee on Associational Missions was presented by Rev. J. B. Rogers, Chairman, as follows:

Aside from the work done by the various Pastors in their own fields comparatively little has been attempted by Local Missions. There is evidence of continued activity at several points and of very substantial growth of others.

The Bible School under the care of the Church at Shelbyville continues to prosper.

East Park Chapel, Decatur, has had a great year. Riverside is a new Decatur interest.

The Church building at Pawnee has been completed and the members are making heroic efforts to clear it of debt.

The Walker Bible School has been reorganized by the Moweaqua Pastor, and his people.

The struggling little band at Athens will complete a modest Meeting House this fall.

The outlook at Rochester seems to warrant an aggressive effort in that village.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH B. ROGERS.

Chairman.

The Report was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY, AND BIBLE SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday and Bible Schools respectfully submits the following report:

Upon examination of the Sunday School reports for 1906, we find that the 19 schools in the Association reported 170 teachers and 2,232 pupils enrolled. Nine schools contributed \$159.50 for Missions.

We recognize the Bible School to be the department of Church work, where not only the Pastor, but also the members, may exercise the privilege of teaching the word.

Baptist Churches, in their Bible Schools, should furnish Baptist liter-

ature for their children. Special pains should be taken in our Bible Schools, to instruct the children in temperance, while each school should maintain a temperance department, conducted along the lines suggested by the State Sunday School Association.

We recommend that more emphasis be placed upon the Bible School and a portion of time be given to its consideration, during our Associational meetings.

H. WEDDINGTON,
Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report:

We believe that Foreign Missions were included in what Jesus meant, when he said, "Go teach all nations," and is world-wide in its scope. The Missionaries who leave their homes and country, to answer the appeals of the millions of heathen across the sea, to bear the light of the gospel to the benighted Nations of the earth, must be called of God, else their mission is vain. We are informed that twenty strong, well equipped young men and women are now under appointment for the foreign field.

The question now before the Churches of the Country is "Will the Missionary Union be able to send and support them there?" the answer to which will mean much to the cause of Christ. According to the Reports for the last year, only two per cent of all monies raised, for all purposes by the Baptists of the United States, has gone to support the Foreign work; and last year was the best year of the ninety-two years, of the history of the Missionary Union. Many new fields are opening, and the Macedonian cry is wafted from many shores, "Come over and help us." We believe that as Baptists we have the whole truth, and cannot afford to let other denominations do the work, thus opening to us upon the foreign field.

In view of these facts, your Committee would therefore recommend to the Churches of the Association that they increase their contributions for Foreign Missions as much as possible during the coming year, to aid in sending out the twenty new recruits, now awaiting orders to go, as also to contribute towards the payment of the \$43,000 indebtedness of the Union (now due.)

The Report was adopted.

E. B. ROGERS,
MRS. W. H. TAYLOR,
Committee.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

This year has been unparalleled in the history of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. The total of receipts for all purposes was \$805,403. West of the great lakes 982 missionaries were under appointment, while 72 Mission Churches have become self-supporting, and 104 new points have been occupied. Aid was given in the erection of 114 new Meeting Houses, while 53 Schools among Negroes, Indians, Mexicans, Cubans and Porto Ricans were aided, having an enrollment of over 9,000 students and 300 teachers.

The entire missionary force of the Society, during the year was 1,552, of whom 312 were at work among twenty nationalities of foreigners in this country.

As regards the work of the churches of this Association, some figures are interesting. Our total contribution to Home Missions this year has been \$492.86 as against \$430.50, a gain of \$62.36. Fourteen of our churches have increased their offerings; six have decreased; four have remained the same. Seven churches have contributed nothing to Home Missions during the year. Of the \$492.86 contributed by the churches, \$22.80 was given by the Young People's Union. In addition to the amount given to the Home Mission Society, there has been contributed by churches and Young People's Unions, for the benefit of destitute churches in San Francisco, the sum of \$58.68. This makes a total, which may be counted as for the general work of Home Missions, of \$551.54.

We feel that the Association should appreciate, and we hereby express our appreciation and commendation, as a committee of the Association, of the Christian generosity of those churches, small as well as great, which have contributed so liberally in proportion to their membership and ability to the cause of the upbuilding of God's Kingdom. While none of our churches, perhaps measure up to their responsibility and privilege in this particular, yet there are signs of healthy growth. Let us be willing to be led of the Lord, to abound more and more "in this grace also."

P. S. HEALD,
MRS. E. B. ROGERS,
A. N. SHARPES,
Committee.

At 10:15 o'clock, Mr. L. Ray Horton, District Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Illinois, spoke in the interest of that most important branch of Christian service, the proper regulation and control of the liquor traffic, through Statutory provision, adequate thereto.

Rev. Geo. A. Cressy spoke in behalf of the Baptist Orphanage at Maywood, Illinois, and Rev. A. C. Kelley, Field Secretary of Ewing College, spoke in behalf of that institution.

At 11 o'clock Dr. A. L. Converse, of Springfield, delivered an address somewhat out of the usual lines, at Associational meetings, entitled "A Squeak from the Pew."

It was Burns, who in poetic phrase, expressed the longing—
"Oh wad some power the gift to gie us,
To see oursel as ithers see us."

The Doctor's address, practical, wise, and witty, withal, evidenced the experience of a close observer, from the vantage ground of the Deacon's pew, and was filled with kindly suggestions, to the members of the ministerial fraternity. It was evidently helpful to the younger members, whose methods, and lines of thought are still in the formative state, and not past improvement.

Following this address, the Report on Bible and Sunday Schools was presented, by the Chairman, Rev. H. Weddington, and adopted.

At 12 o'clock Association adjourned, with prayer by Rev. T. C. Coffey.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met at 1:30 o'clock. Devotional services were led by Rev. R. H. Claxon.

The MODERATOR appointed the following Committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Committee on Home Missions—Rev. J. B. Rogers, Chairman, Mrs. A. H. Rhodes, Rev. C. P. Kirby.

Committee on Foreign Missions—Rev. E. B. Rogers, Chairman, Mrs. T. C. Coffey, REV. A. N. SHARPES.

Committee on State Missions—Rev. T. B. Shepley, Chairman, Rev. S. H. Bowyer, Rev. A. H. Rhodes.

Committee on Associational Missions—Rev. D. L. McBride, Chairman, Rev. R. H. Claxon, Rev. J. B. Rogers.

Committee on Sunday and Bible Schools—Rev. R. H. Claxon, Chairman, Rev. H. Weddington, Mr. S. E. Cushing.

Committee on Christian Stewardship—Rev. S. H. Bowyer, Chairman, Rev. T. C. Coffey, Rev. R. E. Burt.

At 2 o'clock the Report on Christian Stewardship was presented, by the Chairman, Rev. A. H. Rhodes, and after brief remarks, it was adopted.

Committee on Program—Rev. S. H. Bowyer, Rev. Edwin S. Walker, and Mr. J. L. Deck.

The Report of the Committee on Resolutions was presented by Rev. D. L. McBride, Chairman, and adopted.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP.

Your Committee on Christian Stewardship respectfully reports:

We realize that we have been redeemed from death in trespasses and in sins by the precious blood of Jesus. And that we therefore owe all we have and are in time and Eternity to Him, and are not our own but have been bought with a price.

Also that what we call our own in this life is only placed in our care by him who owns the cattle on a thousand hills. And that we should honor him with a portion of our substance as an expression of our loyalty to Him. We believe that when we thus recognize his Superior Ownership, He will bless us in our life as he cannot do if we withhold our substance from him. Many of God's professed children are robbing Him, by not doing their duty and are in the throes of Spiritual and temporal poverty, all their lives.

Let us pray that God may direct us all so that we be not lax in expressing our loyalty to Him.

A. H. RHODES,

MRS. T. C. COFFEY,

Committee.

Rev. Jas. H. Davis, Chairman, presented the Report of the Committee on Baptist Young People's Union, Societies' work, and spoke at some length thereupon when it was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION.

Your Committee on Baptist Young People's Union beg leave to submit the following Report:

One new Society has been organized at East Park Chapel in Decatur. Reports from various sources indicate a more prosperous condition of the work in general throughout the Association, than hitherto. A number of Societies have contributed liberally to Mission work, while still others are helping to bear the running expenses of the Churches, which they represent. There are now sixteen Societies in the Association, and we recommend that a Baptist Young People's Union be formed in every church where conditions may justify.

We believe that it is generally conceded that the Baptist publications present a course of study, superior to that of any others sent out from Chicago, which if taken up and used will greatly promote the work of Bible instruction in all of our Churches. The courses provided in these publications are—

First: The Sacred Literature Course.

Second: The Bible Reader's Course.

Third: The Conquest Missionary Course.

The Young People of today will be the Church of to morrow, and should become trained in Baptist literature, that they may know what Baptists stand for.

The official organ of the B. Y. P. U. is the Magazine—"Service," which is published monthly, a Magazine which contains the Courses mentioned, and should be taken and read by our Young People.

J. B. ROGERS.

R. H. CLAXON.

ROSELLA THOMAS.

The Report was adopted.

Committee.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

1. The Trustees of the Association respectfully report that the STRAWBRIDGE ANNUAL SERMON was preached by REV. JOSEPH B. ROGERS, of Springfield, in the Central Baptist Church on the second Sunday of October, 1905.

2. That the accrued annual interest of \$50.00 on the Strawbridge fund of \$1,000 was collected on the 26th day of October, 1905, and duly reported and paid to the Treasurer.

3. That we recommend that REV. R. E. BURT, of Stonington, be appointed to preach the STRAWBRIDGE ANNUAL SERMON on the second Sunday of October, 1907.

EDWIN S. WALKER.

J. OTIS HUMPHREY.

EDWARD D. KEYS.

Trustees.

The Report of the Trustees was read, and adopted.

The Report of the Treasurer was read, and placed on file.

At 2:30 o'clock, Rev. D. L. McBride, of New Stonington, was invited to preach. Text, John XII:24, "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Springfield Baptist Association, In Account with

HENRY A. CONVERSE, *Treasurer.*

		CREDIT.	
1905	By balance from 1905 Report	\$ 31.20	
Sept. 1st, ...	By cash received from Churches, Minutes	44.72	
" 7th	By cash received from Shelbyville Church for Baptist Ministers' Aid Society	5.00	
" "	By cash received from the Trustees of the Strawbridge Fund	50.00	
Oct. 26th. ....	.....		
	Total amount received		\$130.92
		DEBTOR.	
" 25th, ...	To cash paid Schnepf & Lauer Co., for printing 1,000 copies of Minutes	\$ 25.00	
Sept. 15th, ...	To cash paid Rev. J. S. Boyden, Secretary of Baptist Minister's Aid Society	5.00	
" 25th, ...	To cash paid Edwin S. Walker, for services as Clerk of the Association	20.00	
Oct. 10th, ...	To cash paid Rev. Joseph B. Rogers for preaching the STRAWBRIDGE ANNUAL SERMON	25.00	
" 30th, . . .	To cash paid express on Minutes	4.36	
" "	To cash paid postage	1.56	
Nov. 7th, ...	To cash paid Trustees of the Pawnee Baptist Church, ..., towards building fund	25.00	
1906			
July 4th.	To cash paid Trustees of the Pawnee Baptist Church, towards building fund	25.00	
	Total amount		\$130.92

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY A. CONVERSE.

Treasurer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, beg leave to report as follows:

FIRST: Resolved, That we hail with pleasure the growing recognition of our Stewardship, under God, in the use of our material resources for his glory; and we urge that more use be made of the literature bearing on this matter, such as it issued by Chas. A. Cook, of Bloomfield, New Jersey.

Whereas, The laws of both God and man, bearing on the Sabbath are openly, defiantly and persistently violated; therefore

SECOND: Resolved, That we condemn Sunday baseball playing, Sunday excursions, and all other amusements, and practices, whose tendency is to profane the Sabbath day.

THIRD: Resolved, That we recognize the sane and effective methods of the Anti-Saloon League of Illinois, as a great movement of the federated Churches of Jesus Christ, in opposition to the encroachments of the promoters of the liquor traffic, upon the rights of our citizenship, and the sanctity of the Lord's day; and that we accord to its representatives a cordial reception in our respective churches, and our moral support in

their well directed efforts towards the securing of such needed, wise legislation, as shall limit the further growth of the saloon influence, in civic life, and in society at large.

FOURTH: Resolved, That this Association commends the work of Baptist Minister's Aid Society, and the Home for Aged Ministers at Fenton, Michigan, and earnestly urges the taking of an offering for its work, by each Church, annually.

FIFTH: That we commend the work of the Central Baptist Orphanage, at Maywood, and assure the officers in charge, of our interest in their undertaking of the payment of present indebtedness, and in the enlargement of that beneficent institution.

SIXTH: Resolved, That we tender to the members and friends of the Pana Baptist Church, our appreciative thanks for the generous hospitality extended to us, as representatives of the Churches of the Association, and of our various Missionary Organizations.

D. L. McBRIDE,
C. P. KIRBY,
EMMA L. MALONE,
Committee.

The Report was adopted.

At 3 o'clock, Rev. S. C. Fulmer, of Indianapolis, District Secretary of the A. B. Home Mission Society, delivered an address upon the work of the Society, giving an account of its work during the year past, and setting forth its claims upon the churches for increased contributions in the year to come.

At 3:30 o'clock, Rev. Jas. H. Davis, representing the Illinois Baptist General Association, delivered an address upon the work of that organization, setting forth in detail what is being done in aiding weak churches, and the occupancy of new fields in different parts of the State.

The Committee on Next Session of the Association reported that no invitation had been extended by any church, for its entertainment next year. By vote, the Committee were given further time, to secure a place for meeting, and make report to the Clerk, in time to insert the same in the Minutes.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEXT SESSION.

The Committee on Next Session, by its Chairman, Rev. Theodore C. Coffey, reported recommending that the next Annual Meeting be held with the Church at Taylorville, and that the INTRODUCTORY SERMON be preached by Rev. C. P. Kirby, of Moweaqua.

The next session will therefore be held at Taylorville, on the first Wednesday and Thursday of September, 1907, commencing at 10 o'clock A. M., on Wednesday.

At 4:30 o'clock the business of the Session having been completed, the Association adjourned.

EDWIN S. WALKER,
Clerk.

E. K. SHULTZ,
Moderator.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Association

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING.

At 3:00 o'clock p. m., the Society was called to order by the President, Mrs. E. B. ROGERS.

After singing "My Faith looks up to Thee," Rev. T. C. Coffey offered prayer. Miss MERCEDES GRANE of *Cuba*, spoke for the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society. The story of her conversion was one of intense interest. Although only two years from Cuba, Miss Grane speaks very easily and we were charmed with this wonderful example of what two short years in our Training School can accomplish. Mrs. M. E. KLINE, the Treasurer of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of the West, spoke in the interest of her Society. An offering of \$7.30 was made.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Rev. E. S. Walker.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE.

The Woman's Conference met at 5 o'clock. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Nominating Committee reported for *President*, Mrs. E. B. ROGERS, Springfield; *Vice President*, Mrs. J. E. WILLIS, of Decatur, Ill., *Secretary*, Mrs. W. H. TAYLOR, Springfield, and the Secretary was instructed to cast the vote for the persons named; it was so cast and they were duly declared elected.

Letters were read from many of the Circles.

Mrs. Kline answered many questions. Mrs. Taylor spoke of the Training School Building Fund. Mrs. Rogers spoke of our sister, Mrs. D. C. Gilmore, who is departing for Burma. An enthusiastic meeting closed all wishing we had more time.

Adjourned.

MRS. W. H. TAYLOR.

Secretary.

MRS. E. B. ROGERS.

President.

The Baptist Young People's Union

OF THE

Springfield Association.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION.

At 7:30 o'clock the meeting was called to order by the President.

The President, J. B. ROGERS, appointed a Nominating Committee as follows: J. L. Deck, Decatur; Miss Mae M. Cushing, Assumption, and Bertha A. Sharpes, Oreana.

Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read and approved.

Greetings from the various young people societies, showed an increase in membership, a liberal giving to missions, organization of Bible classes, increase in societies, the organization of young people societies.

The Nominating Committee reported, recommending the following officers:

President—EARNEST POOLE, of Moweaqua.

Vice President—R. E. CLAXON, of Morrisonville.

Secretary and Treasurer—MISS EMMA L. MALONE, R. R. No. 2, Decatur.

Junior Superintendent—MRS. T. B. SHEPLEY, Springfield. -

By vote they were declared duly elected.

The address of the evening was delivered by Mr. E. A. SCROGIN, of Springfield, on the subject, "Systematic Bible Study, or System in Bible Study." It was most instructive and practical. A committee was appointed to have it printed. Rev. J. B. Rogers, R. H. Claxon, and F. P. Allen were the Committee.

An offering was taken for Associational of the Young People's work amounting to six dollars and seventy cents.

Adjourned with prayer.

EMMA L. MALONE,

Secretary.

Retrospective, and Valedictory.

In the year 1881, under appointment of the Springfield Baptist Association, at the Annual Meeting of the previous year, I published an edition of five hundred copies, of the History of the Association, a volume of one hundred and forty pages, covering the entire period of its existence, from the year 1837 to 1881. Having served as Clerk of the Association for twenty years of the intervening time, I am impelled to place upon record in the Minutes for 1906 a brief resume of the changes which have taken place in the Association, its growth, and progress in the work committed to the Churches, under the Great Commission, of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, during the last quarter of a century.

From 1837 to 1881 one hundred and twenty different ministers served as pastors in the Association, and the membership of the churches increased, from the original number 177 to 2,088. The only ministers who were serving as pastors in 1881, now residing within the bounds of the Association, are REV. W. J. CHAPIN of Chatham, REV. H. P. CURRY of Athens, REV. D. D. HOLMES of Diamond Grove, Jacksonville, all of them past four score years of age; and REV. D. L. McBRIDE, of New Stonington, recently returned, after an absence of twenty years in a distant state.

Of the 120 ministers above named, I was personally acquainted with over 40. Only eight of the number are now known to be living. In 1881 the Association embraced twenty Churches, with a total membership of 1,891, and twenty ordained ministers, serving as Pastors. There were 14 Sunday Schools reported, with 130 Officers and Teachers, 1,246 Scholars enrolled, and an average attendance of 825, at an annual expense of \$458.00.

The contributions for Missions were, State, and Home Missions, \$574.00, Foreign Missions, \$310.00, Baptist Publication Society \$24.00, and for Ministerial Education, \$186.00.

The total expenses of the Churches in 1881 were \$6,936. A comparison of the above figures with the statistics, as shown in the Tables of the current year, will afford an interesting study to all interested in Church work, and the progress of our denominational growth, in Central Illinois, during the last quarter of a century.

During this period, seventy-six different ministers, have served as Pastors within the bounds of the Association, ten of whom are still in service here. Of this number I have personally known over sixty, making fully one hundred, during my residence in Springfield, and connection with the Association.

The frequent changes, indicated above, in the pastoral relations, show at once, the restlessness, of both Pastors and Churches, and in my opinion, grows out of the practice of calling a minister, not as an accredited Servant of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, to take the oversight of a Church, or as an Evangelist, for an indeterminate period, as was the universal custom, in the early days of New England; but as simply a "Hired-man," for one year, or, as is not infrequently the case, for a shorter time. The result of this practice, cannot but be detrimental, alike to the Churches, and to the Ministry. A minister who falls into the practice of moving, every one or two years, will never grow himself, and any Church which is fed upon the intellectual pabulum of the ever-moving minister, may continue to exist, but never can grow.

With the completion of the Minutes of the Association for 1906, my service as Clerk will be ended; for the sufficient reason that before the next meeting in September, 1907, I shall have entered upon my eightieth year; and while appreciating the continued confidence, which has been reposed in me, by my brethren, in committing the work to my hands for twenty years, I lay it down, as one conscious that—

*"I stand upon the summit of my life,
Behind the camp, the court, the field, the grove,
The battle, and the burden, vast, afar
Beyond these weary ways, behold the Sea;
The sea o'erswept by clouds, and winds, and wings;
By thoughts and wishes manifold; whose breath
Is freshness, and whose mighty pulse is Peace.
Palter no question of the horizon dim—
Cut loose the bark, such voyage itself is rest;
Majestic motion, unimpeded scope,
A widening heaven, a current without care,
Eternity, deliverance, promise, course,
Time-tired souls salute thee from the Shore."*

EDWIN SAWYER WALKER,

October, 1906.

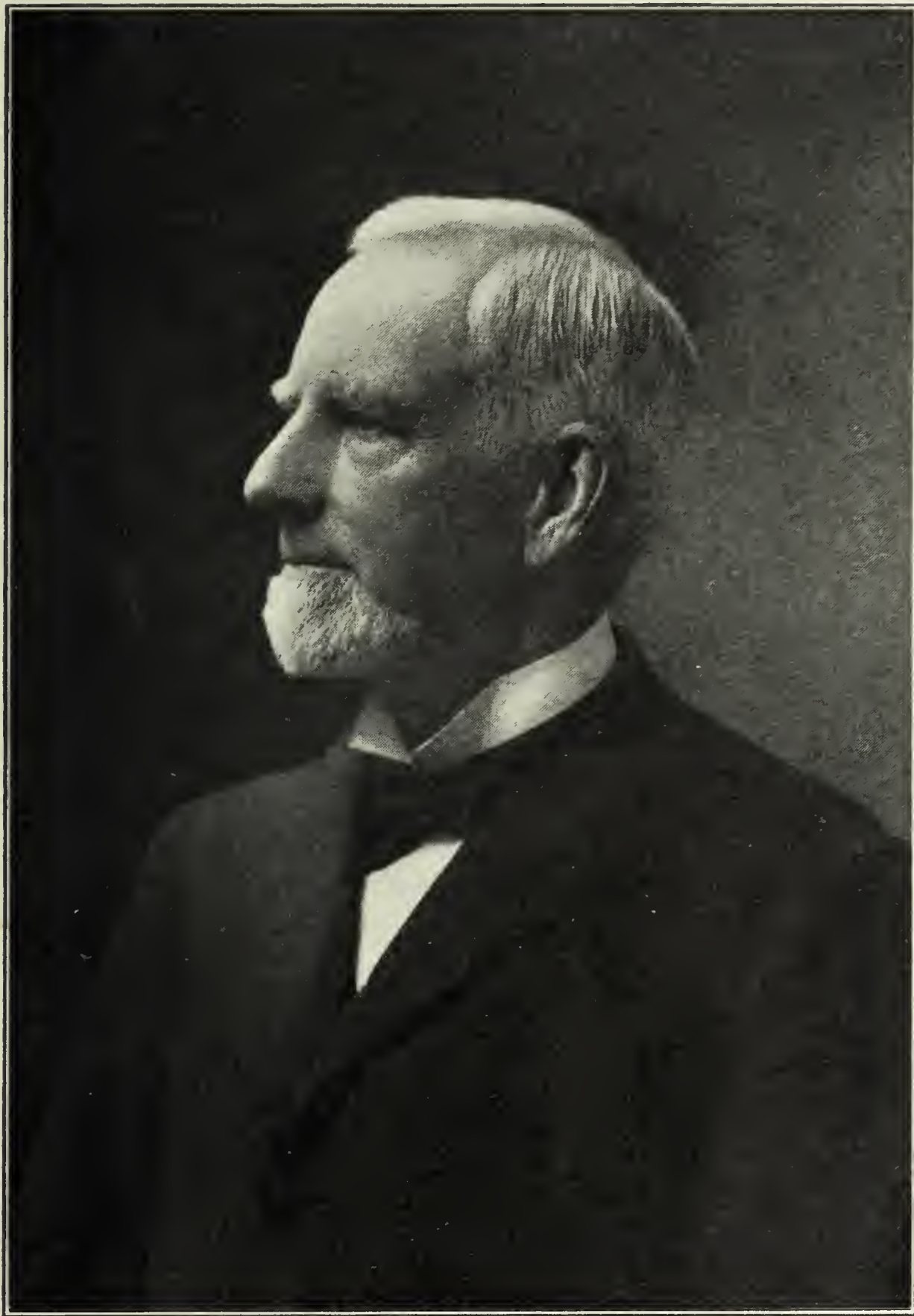
HISTORICAL TABLE OF THE SPRINGFIELD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

With number of Churches, number of Baptisms, and the total number of Members, from 1881 to 1906, inclusive.

Year	WHERE MET.	MODERATOR.	CLERK.	PREACHER.	TEXT	Churches.....	Baptisms.....	Members.....
1881	Waverly.....	J. H. Phillips.....	Edwin S. Walker.....	W. C. Roach.....	Col. 1:3.....	22	75	1981
1882	Taylorville.....	J. H. Phillips.....	Edwin S. Walker.....	T. S. Bovell.....	John 17:18.....	22	61	2130
1883	Decatur.....	D. L. McBride.....	Edwin S. Walker.....	D. L. McBride.....	Roms. 1:16.....	18	131	2072
1884	Moweaqua.....	D. L. McBride.....	Edwin S. Walker.....	D. D. Holmes.....	.....	21	236	2231
1885	Berlin.....	D. L. McBride.....	Edwin S. Walker.....	B. F. Patt.....	Isaiah 62:6.....	17	146	2238
1886	Shelbyville.....	Geo. B. Vosburgh.....	F. M. Mitchell.....	O. O. Fletcher.....	.....	17	97	2250
1887	Pana.....	John O. Rames.....	Edwin S. Walker.....	W. C. Roach.....	Matt. 24:19-20.....	18	116	4565
1888	Springfield.....	B. F. Patt.....	J. M. Bower.....	B. F. Patt.....	2d Kings 10:15-16.....	18	177	2585
1889	Waverly.....	A. L. Converse.....	J. M. Bower.....	W. C. Roach.....	Zecl. 4:6.....	18	244	2715
1890	Stonington.....	F. M. Mitchell.....	J. M. Bower.....	F. M. Mitchell.....	John 14:13.....	16	429	3065
1891	Jacksonville.....	F. M. Mitchell.....	J. M. Bower.....	O. O. Fletcher.....	Phil. 3:12.....	18	151	3059
1892	Taylorville.....	A. L. Converse.....	J. M. Bower.....	C. E. Torrey.....	Gal. 3:28.....	17	162	3020
1893	Decatur.....	A. L. Converse.....	Edwin S. Walker.....	E. B. Rogers.....	Phil. 1:5-21.....	18	236	3300
1894	Pana.....	T. M. Griffith.....	Edwin S. Walker.....	J. J. Midkiff.....	Isaiah 60:1.....	18	252	3492
1895	Moweaqua.....	T. M. Griffith.....	Edwin S. Walker.....	L. H. Williams.....	1st Pet. 1:4-5.....	17	272	3730
1896	Shelbyville.....	H. W. Thiele.....	Edwin S. Walker.....	S. H. Bowyer.....	1st Samuel 14:15.....	18	375	3904
1897	Assumption.....	H. W. Thiele.....	Edwin S. Walker.....	H. W. Thiele.....	Isaiah 51:1.....	18	175	3900
1898	Loami.....	J. J. Midkiff.....	Edwin S. Walker.....	E. O. Butler.....	1 Cor. 3:21-23.....	18	222	4174
1899	Springfield.....	J. J. Midkiff.....	Edwin S. Walker.....	S. H. Bowyer.....	1 Kings 20:27.....	18	151	4044
1900	Stonington.....	J. J. Midkiff.....	Edwin S. Walker.....	J. B. Rogers.....	Judges 7:21.....	18	166	4133
1901	Jacksonville.....	J. J. Midkiff.....	Edwin S. Walker.....	S. H. Bowyer.....	Acts 9:11.....	20	215	4282
1902	Orcana.....	T. B. Rogers.....	Edwin S. Walker.....	H. L. Winburne.....	Phil. 1:9-10.....	20	184	4362
1903	Pleasant Plains.....	J. W. Primm.....	Edwin S. Walker.....	R. E. Burt.....	Zecl. 4:6.....	20	161	4445
1904	Moweaqua.....	H. Weddington.....	Edwin S. Walker.....	P. S. Heald.....	Matt.	20	265	4540
1905	Edinburg.....	H. Weddington.....	Edwin S. Walker.....	T. C. Coffey.....	John 16:8-9.....	21	406	4672
1906	Pana.....	E. K. Shultz.....	Edwin S. Walker.....	.....	1st Cor. 9:22.....	24	300	5070
Total . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4985	9555	.....

NOTE.—The total number of baptisms in the Association in twenty-six years is 4985. The total number of baptisms in the previous forty-three years, from 1837 to 1881, was 4,570, making a grand total of 9555 in sixty-nine years.

EDWIN S. WALKER, Clerk.



EDWIN SAWYER WALKER,

CLERK OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Abstract of Letters.

AUBURN—We present a letter of dismissal from the Carrollton Association and ask admission to your body. Our Pastor, Rev. J. W. Harnley, resigned and removed to another Association, since which time Rev. S. B. Henderson, a student from Shurtleff College, has served us most efficiently as a supply for the pulpit, bringing things to pass.

BERLIN—This year has shown little advancement, so far as general work is concerned, although the efforts of our Pastor and his faithful wife have been untiring. Regular services have been fairly well attended, and Sunday School maintained. The prayer meeting have been fairly well attended and most helpful.

BOIS de'ARC—We present a letter of dismissal from the Carrollton Association, and ask admission to your body. Church was organized July 10th, 1874, is located 22 miles south of Springfield on the line of the Illinois Central Railroad, has a good substantial house of worship free from debt. Holds Sunday school every Sunday during the year; has also an active working Ladies' Aid Society, all working together for the upbuilding of the Kingdom of Christ.

CHATHAM—We have had no regular preaching since Bro. Harnley closed his labors with us in October last. We have been able to keep up a Sunday School through the year. Have held also a mid-week prayer meeting through the summer. Our prospects are not very bright from our present standpoint. Remember us in your prayers.

SPRINGFIELD, CENTRAL—The past year has demonstrated to us the continued love of Jesus Christ, our Saviour, and the power of the Spirit, in the conversion of souls. We are glad to report that our Pastor, Dr. E. B. Rogers and his faithful wife continue with us, and that notwithstanding the allurements held out from other fields, he, in common with the church, evidently feels that a fifteen-year's pastorate is not too long. The Pastor's assistant, Rev. T. C. Coffey, and his most estimable wife, continues to hold the effectuations of the Mission connected with this church, a place from which we are glad to report quite a number of accessions during the year.

SOUTH SEVENTH STREET, Springfield—The year has been one of growth and development, although we are not able to report as great progress in membership and benevolence this year as last. The different departments are well maintained, and the membership is pervaded with the desire to press forward along all lines.

DECATUR—The past year has been one of exceptional blessings. All departments of the church are doing aggressive, effective work. We have had the largest increase in membership of any year during the present pastorate of nine years. Have established a new Mission at Riverside. The East Park Mission, under the special care of the Assistant Pastor, has made good progress, and a large number have been received into the Church from the Chapel districts.

DIAMOND GROVE—It was the happy lot of this Church to be one of the six churches, which united in the organization of the Springfield Baptist Association, sixty-nine years ago. At this the 84th year of our organization, we are a weak body, but feel sure that our life has not been in vain, and are hopeful that we may yet aid the cause of Christ. Have united with other churches in the organization of a new Association viz., the "Morgan County Baptist Association" and ask a letter of dismissal to unite with that body.

DIVERNON—We present a letter of dismissal from the Carrollton Association, and ask for admission into your body. The past year has been with us a very prosperous one, and is under the leadership of our Pastor, Rev. T. B. Brown.

EDINBURG—We were without a Pastor from August, 1905, until the 1st of May last, since which time Rev. C. L. Hamilton has faithfully labored among us. All branches of Church work are in a prosperous condition, and our Sunday services and prayer meetings are well attended.

JOAMI—Since November last we have had regular preaching, half time, by Rev. H. L. Derr of Jerseyville. Maintain good Sunday School. Have had nine additions to our numbers during the year.

JACKSONVILLE—The past year has been one of unusual blessing. All of our Church organizations are flourishing; our membership has been greatly increased, and are giving more liberally than ever. One of our members, Miss Helen Rawlings, under appointment of the Missionary Union, will enter the foreign field, and sail in October for China, to enter upon her chosen work. A movement has been inaugurated to unite the churches of Morgan County into a new Association, which if successful, we request that your clerk be authorized to grant us a letter of dismission from the Springfield Association, to unite with such new organization.

MOWEAQUA—Rev. C. P. Kirby of Ceresco, Iowa, is now our Pastor. The Sunday School is doing good work. The Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Circle is in a prosperous condition. We are trying to revive the B. Y. P. Union Society.

MORRISONVILLE—Church reports one of the most prosperous years of its existence. Twenty new members have been added to our number, all grown people who are actively engaged in Christian work. Our Young People's Society has made material progress, and the people are united and determined to lead the Baptist Church to the front. Our Pastor begins his second year with fine prospects for the accomplishment of much good.

OREANA—We still retain the services of our esteemed Pastor, Rev. E. N. Sharpes. All the services of the Church have been well sustained. Our contributions for Missions have been increased over former years. While we have not been able to report as much progress as we would like, we have much cause for thankfulness.

PANA—We most heartily welcome the Association to our city, and to the hospitality of our homes. All lines of Church work are being supported. Our prayer meetings have been well attended, as also our Young People's meetings, and Sunday School.

PAWNEE—The united efforts of the Church have been directed to the erection of our new meeting house at a cost of \$4,000, which was opened for service in June last. While the house has not been fully paid for, we believe in the spirit of sacrifice for the cause of Christ, so that it will not be long, till we will be able to meet the balance of the indebtedness thereon. We have a good Sunday School and our mid-week prayer meetings are well attended, spiritual and uplifting.

SHELBYVILLE—On the first of June last, our Pastor, Rev. Prescott S. Heald, was granted a leave of absence for three months, to take a special course of study in the Theological Seminary at Chicago; since which time we have been without preaching. Our Sunday School has been carried along with continued interest, and is well sustained. Prayer meetings have been well attended, and the B. Y. P. Union meetings have been kept up, though but few can be counted on to keep the work active. Having received a call to the pastorate of the Church in Clinton, Ill., our Pastor has resigned, after three years of earnest faithful service, as a good minister of Jesus Christ. We bid him and his good wife God-speed in their new field of labor, and pray that we may be guided by the Lord in the selection of a new Pastor.

OLD STONINGTON—The third year of the present pastorate is just now closing, and the Church is unanimous in retaining the services of the Pastor, Rev. R. E. Burt, for another year. We have met with great loss by death and removals. Our contributions to missionary and benevolent objects have been in excess of those of former years. Our Sunday School is well sustained and doing good work.

NEW STONINGTON—On the 1st of January last, Rev. D. L. McBride, formerly, and for many years a Pastor in this Association, accepted the call of the Church and at once entered upon his work among us. The several departments of the Church were re-organized and work begun. The Good Hope Church, having disbanded, donated its property to us, from which we realized \$1,200, and with a donation of \$220 from the disbanded Providence Church, we have erected a parsonage at a cost of \$2,600.

TAYLORVILLE—On the 21st of January last, Rev. E. K. Shultz of Kentucky, became our Pastor. Our Sunday School is doing well. Our B. Y. P. U. is doing excellent work. The Woman's Missionary Society has a large attendance and is prospering.

ZENOBIA—During the last year we have had preaching every Sunday afternoon, Rev. R. H. Claxon, Pastor: the attendance has been good and interest in the cause has manifestly increased. Sunday School has been well attended and we are hoping for fruitage soon. All financial obligations have been promptly met.

REPORTS OF HOME AND FOREIGN MISSION WORK of the Woman's Missionary Society of
The Springfield Baptist Association.

CHURCH.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.	Members Mission Circle..	Tidings Taken	Helping Hand Taken ..	Training School Building Fund	Cash contributed to the W. B. H. M. S. from Apr. 1, '05 to Apr. 1, '06	Cash contributed to the W. B. F. M. W. from Sep. 1, '05 to Sep. 1, '06
Berlin	Mrs. P. N. Boynton	Mrs. E. B. Warren	6	9	6	.....	\$19 00	\$8 00
Chatham	No Circle .....	.....	40	5	.....	.....	5 00	1 60
Decatur { Home	King's Daughters .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45 00	.....
{ Foreign	Mrs. J. E. Deck	Mrs. J. E. Willis .....	.....	.....	16	.....	.....	77 48
Diamond Grove	No Circle .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....
Edinburg	Mrs. C. A. Stokes	Mrs. A. Rhodes	5	6	1	\$50 00	5 50	4 00
Jacksonville { Home	Miss Mable Goltra	Mrs. I. W. McConnell	30	4	.....	.....	105 00	.....
{ Foreign	Mrs. I. C. Coleman	Miss E. Rawlings .....	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	48 60
Moweaqua	Mrs. A. D. Cooper	Mrs. Scott Gregory	26	.....	1	.....	5 00	.....
New Stonington	Mrs. John Kaylor	Miss Ella Chapman	18	.....	.....	.....	7 00	7 00
Old Stonington	Mrs. Mary E. Duncan	Miss Ella Chapman	19	6	2	7 50	21 39	24 09
Oreana	Mrs. W. W. Merritt	Mrs. Rosa O. Ragsdale	10	6	6	.....	10 00	23 60
Pana	Mrs. Ellen Dowling .....	.....	21	.....	6	4 50	22 35	14 00
Shelbyville	Miss Fanny Hopkins	Mrs. John J. March .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 35	32 60
Springfield—Central Woman's Circle	Mrs. H. T. Pride	Mrs. A. C. Smith	64	5	.....	.....	88 63	98 79
“ Y. Woman's Circle	Mrs. E. E. Staley	Miss A. Louise Taylor	31	2	.....	.....	44 00	18 00
“ In-As-Much Circle	Miss Henrietta Converse .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	2 50
“ What-I-Can	Miss Annie Willer	Miss Edna Summers	15	1	.....	.....	4 50	4 50
South Seventh St.	Mrs. E. B. Elder	Mrs. W. E. Leber	20	5	5	.....	20 00	15 00
Taylorville	Mrs. C. E. Barnes	Mrs. Lorrin C. Baker	14	1	10	.....	21 50	18 75
Taylorville—German .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Springfield—German .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 40	.....
Association Collection .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 11	4 45
Total			319	50	68	\$6 00	\$450 33	\$407 86

NOTE—The above figures are from April 1, 1905, to April 1, 1906, for Home work, and from Aug. 1, 1905, to Aug. 1, 1906, for Foreign work.

Mrs. W. H. TAYLOR, Secretary.

TABLE OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS, AND GENERAL STATISTICS.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.										CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS.								
CHURCHES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		SUPERINTENDENTS.		Scholars Enrolled.	Average Attendance	Contributions	Sunday School Expenses	State Missions	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions	Bible and Publication Society	Orphans' Home..	Paptist Ministers Home	Christian Education....	Miscellaneous	Church Expenses	Church Property.	Minutes
Assumption	S. E. Cushing	8	55	14	\$73 00	\$56 00	\$13 00	\$17 40	\$11 75	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$12 00	\$21 75	\$828 00	\$4,500	\$2 00
Auburn.....	J. W. Hart.....	10	70	20	63 00	63 00	12 10	7 25	8 52	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	72 25	568 00	4,000	1 75
New Berlin.....	Walter Burrell.....	6	60	42	37 00	46 00	7 24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 60	4,500	1 50
Bois de Arc.....	T. B. Fenstermaker .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	589 00	4,000	1 00
Central Springfield.	J. H. Collins and F. W. Pugh	14	210	185	.....	186 00	88 46	60 24	66 75	63 50	12 20	14 30	39 30	2068 00	4266 00	48,000	10 00	.....
Cent. N. Chapel, Sp'd	Walter Hart	20	264	120	.....	104 02	6 50	4 50	8 25	9 16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1670 00	6,000	2 50
So 7th St., Springfield	Harry F. Campbell	8	170	125	50 00	178 00	12 00	.....	.....	8 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 07	.....	2,000	70
E. Edwards St. Mis.	E. E. McDermond.....	10	90	55	.....	12 82	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chatham	A. N. Nichols.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	192 00	61 11	63 50	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	30 00	8190 00	50,000	5 00
Dedatur	Owen Scott and Robert Kellogg	55	715	475	265 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,000	.....
Dedatur E. P. Mission	J. E. Saxton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,000	65
Diamond Grove .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	56 85	.....	7 00	.....	6 9	12 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00	4500 00	3,000	1 50
Divernon	A. F. Whitmer.....	8	109	76	63 00	58 00	.....	8 00	3 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,000	2 00
Edinburg	Geo. H. Kopperl.	21	356	233	313 88	188 00	60 00	90 8.	146 30	22 61	.....	.....	3 28	17 00	2075 00	3468 00	20,000	3 00
Jacksonville	David Evans.....	50	40	25	9 00	9 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,000	1 00
Loami.....	P. L. Drew	11	175	100	175 00	90 00	59 85	50 57	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1175 00	10,000	3 00
Moweaqua.....	Frank Barnett	8	75	42	54 00	53 00	13 00	5 00	6 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 30	18 65	550 00	4,000	1 00
Morrisonville	Mrs. A. N. Sharpes	6	90	34	14 97	47 16	19 10	8 35	15 37	5 70	.....	.....	.....	4 62	14 58	.....	3,000	2 00
Oreana	O. C. King	11	160	126	5 00	60 00	5 69	10 90	16 31	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	800 00	7,000	2 00
Pana	Julian Marshall	5	38	26	.....	16 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	4,000	1 50
Pawnee	Milton Dunkel	4	40	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	238 00	3,500	1 00
Pleasant Plains.	W. C. Headen	15	135	75	10 00	178 00	44 25	62 65	43 50	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 90	1000 00	5,000	2 00
Shelbyville.....	O. E. Briggs	5	60	54	12 00	.....	27 87	37 00	10 00	7 00	.....	.....	5 25	.....	.....	850 00	4,000	2 00
Stonington	J. Irving Owen.....	6	140	60	17 00	58 65	25 00	13 00	15 00	16 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	840 00	3,500	1 50
New Stonington	George Zimmerman	12	152	90	70 00	82 40	16 25	32 35	10 10	.....	.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....	1656 00	10,000	2 00
Taylorville.....	W. F. Rich. Morrison.																	
Zenobia	R. F. D.....	7	75	80			4 00	8 0	8 00				5 00	5 00	100 00	330 00	1,500	1 00
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TABLE OF CHURCH STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS WITH THEIR POST OFFICE.	PASTORS AND MESSENGERS.									
		GAIN.			LOSS.			Total Number.....			
		Baptism.....	Letter.....	Experience	Restored ...	Letter	Excluded ..	Erased	Died		
Assumption	Mrs. Adah Corzine	20	8	2		8	4		2	137	
Auburn	Byron Barber	7	2			4			1	142	
Berlin	Miss Nellie Y. Taylor						3			111	
Bois d'Arc	Arthur E. Barnes, R.F.D. 18									52	
Chatham	Mrs. Fannie Marshfield	2					1			35	
Central, Springfield	John H. Neher										
South Seventh St. Springfield		35	26	6		17	3		4	1048	
Decatur	V. H. Foster	7	2	1		8			2	304	
	J. L. Deck										
Divernon		92	35	25		11		1	2	838	
Diamond Grove	Miss E. F. Holmes	22	11			2				60	
Edinburg	Isaac Westbrook							6		22	
						5				137	
Jacksonville	W. B. Pearson	50	23	2		21			2	531	
Leoni	H. G. Campbell	6	3			1			1	84	
Moweaqua	Miss Mary Gregory	27	7	1	1	6	3		3	340	
Morrisonville	C. H. Brown	15	5						1	66	
Oreana	C. P. Rainey	1				1	1		1	108	
Pana	O. C. King	11	2	5		4			1	266	
		1	3			1	5			46	
Pawnee	Grace Washkevich	6			1	1	3			50	
Pleasant Plains	E. D. Boynton	11									
Shelbyville	A. G. Mizell	3	1						5	184	
Stonington	Miss Ella Chapman								11	157	
New Stonington	J. Irving Owen	4	9	1		6				89	
Taylorville	Mrs. Beatrice Smith	2	4			11				349	
Zenobia	W. F. Rich, Morrisonville	2	1			2				50	
Totals		324	148	43	2	127	23	7	28	5206	

Pastors in SMALL CAPITALS; ordained ministers in *Italics*. P. O. Address same as name of Church, where not otherwise indicated.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES of the Springfield Baptist Association for the Year Ending July 1, 1906.

NAME OF CHURCH.	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY.	MEMBERS.			Local..... Expense ...
			Active ..	Associate	Total	
Assumption	Miss Carrie Harpold	Miss Stella DeWolfe	23	15	48	\$12 00
Chatham	Frank Pilcher .....	.....	30	4	34	.....
Decatur .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Central Springfield	W. A. Pavey	Miss Grace Mathers	75	25	100	60 00
Edinburg	Miss Emma Kelly	Miss Ella Steward	45	25	70	.....
Elliott Avenue, Springfield	Robert McHenry	Miss Carrie Coffey	60	.....	60	.....
East Park, Decatur	Harry Stivers	Miss Rosa May	30	.....	30	.....
Jacksonville	J. A. McGlothlin	Miss Mabel Withee	65	40	105	70 95
Moweaqua	Miss Edna Leaf	Miss Ella Drew	28	6	34	6 25
Morrisonville	Miss Daisy Kelly	Miss Maude Springate	36	24	60	35 60
Oreana	Miss Emma L. Malone	Miss Alice Strope	20	4	24	13 31
Pana	Grover Clements	Miss Ollie Dickerson	50	30	80	36 30
Shelbyville	Herman Harris	Miss Hargis	20	4	24	10 00
Stonington	F. B. Owen	Mrs. J. B. Owen	25	15	40	.....
South Seventh Street, Springfield	Miss Alice Erisman	Miss Bessie Walker	50	23	73	55 00
Taylorville	Miss Floss Sharp	Miss Mamie Brick	48	20	68	12 00
Auburn	Miss Bertha Hart .....	.....	25	10	35	.....
Total .....	.....	.....	640	245	885	\$311 61

Junior Statistics.

NAME OF CHURCH.	LEADER	MEMBERS.		
		Active ..	Associate	Total
Central Springfield	Miss Annie Willer	30	6	36
Divernon	Miss Minnie Wells .....	.....	.....	48
Elliott Avenue Chapel	Miss Ethel Johnston .....	.....	.....	50
Stonington	Miss Ella Chapman .....	.....	.....	22
Moweaqua	Mrs. Kirby .....	.....	.....	60
South Seventh St. Church	J. R. Cassity	16	24	40
Shelbyville	Frances Fish	5	21	32
Total		51	51	272

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REV. EDWIN S. WALKER,

EDWARD D. KEYS,

HON. I. A. BUCKINGHAM.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

REV. J. N. EDMONDSON,

REV. G. W. CLAXON.

REV. J. M. LIVELY.

HOME MISSIONS.

REV. S. H. BOWYER,

S. E. CUSHING,

REV. L. C. BARRY

STATE AND ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

REV. J. N. EDMONDSON,

REV. N. O. PATTERSON.

REV. S. D. MCKENNY

DR. A. L. CLARK,

GUY I. COLBY

BIBLE SCHOOLS.

REV. H. H. ALGER,

REV. J. F. HOWARD,

REV. L. H. WILLIAMS

REV. E. B. ROGERS,

REV. W. G. PATTERSON.

MINISTERS WITH THEIR POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.

J. P. ALEXANDER	Auburn	L. H. WILLIAMS	Springfield
S. H. BOWYER	Decatur	E. B. ROGERS	Springfield
P. S. HEALD	Stonington	S. D. MCKENNY	Auburn
N. O. PATTERSON	Decatur	E. S. WALKER	Springfield
J. F. HOWARD	Divernon	W. J. GRIMM	Pana
W. J. CHAPIN	Chatham	J. M. LIVELY	Decatur
H. H. ALGER	Shelbyville	L. J. HADLEY	Springfield
L. C. BARRY	Assumption	T. B. FRARY	Springfield
W. G. PATTERSON ...	Morrisonville	G. W. CLAXON	Farmersville

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

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MINUTES

OF THE

Springfield Baptist Association

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At ten o'clock a. m., THE SPRINGFIELD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met with the South Seventh Street Baptist Church of Springfield, on Wednesday, September 2, 1908.

The Association was called to order at 10 o'clock a. m., by the Moderator, Rev. N. O. Patterson, of Stonington.

Invocation by the Rev. G. W. Claxon.

Address of welcome by the pastor of the South Seventh Street Baptist Church, Rev. L. H. Williams.

Response by the Moderator, Rev. N. O. Patterson, of Stonington.

Reading of Rules of Association.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees:

Committee on Nominations—Rev. L. H. Williams, Henry Hart and Rev. G. W. Claxon.

Committee on Reception of New Churches—Rev. E. P. Brand, Rev. E. B. Rogers, Rev. J. F. Howard.

Committee on Enrollment—Rev. H. H. Alger, Miss Bessie Walker, Miss Susan Hart.

A cordial invitation was extended to the visiting bretheren and sisters and representatives of the different Missionary Societies and other benevolent work to sit in the Association.

The following representatives were present: Dr. E. W. Lounsbury, Chicago, Secretary of Foreign Mission Board; Mrs. W. E. Hopkins, Representative of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of the West; Miss Gertrude Miller, Representative of the Woman's Home Mission Society; Dr. E. P. Brand, Representative of Illinois Baptist State Convention; Rev. J. J. Midkiff, Representative of the Central Orphanage; Mr. Perry, Representative of the Anti-Saloon League and Rev. W. B. Morris, Superintendent of State Sunday Schools.

At 10:45 Introductory Sermon was preached by the Rev. J. N. Edmondson, pastor of the Moweauqua Baptist Church. Subject: "Signs, Science, Christ." Text, I Corinthians 1:22-23.

11:30. At this time the Committee on Nominations made their Report.

Moderator—REV. N. O. PATTERSON, of Stonington.

Clerk—REV. SAMUEL D. MCKENNY, of Auburn.

Treasurer—J. O. RAMES, of Springfield.

Trustee—REV. E. S. WALKER, of Springfield.

Report adopted and the officers named by the Committee were duly elected.

11:45. Reading of the South Seventh Street Church letter.

12:05. The Association adjourned untill 1:30 with prayer by Rev. G. W. Patterson.

1:30. Devotional services conducted by Rev. J. F. Howard.

1:45. Reading of Church letters.

2:15. Admission of new Churches.

The following named Churches presented their letters requesting recognition with Association: Farmersville, Riverside, Decatur, Ill., Elliott Avenue, Springfield, Ill.

2:30. Appointment of Committees for the Session:

Resolutions—Rev. J. N. Edmondson, Guy I. Colby, Rev. J. M. Lively.

Next Session—Rev. J. J. Midkiff, S. E. Cushing, Rev. H. H. Alger.

B. Y. P. U.—Rev. G. W. Claxon, Miss Ella Chapman, Rev. P. S. Heald.

2:45. After a careful examination of the Covenant, and Articles of Faith adopted by the three Churches seeking admission to our Association, we most heartily recommend them to membership, and fellowship in our Association.

E. P. BRAND,

E. B. ROGERS,

J. F. HOWARD.

Immediately the Report was adopted, and the Messengers from the three new Churches came forward and the Moderator in a very impressive manner extended the right hand of fellowship to them.

3:00 p. m. A splendid address was given by Mrs. J. W. Perry on Local Option Territory and the importance of the Anti-Saloon League Work.

3:15. The twenty-seventh Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Springfield Baptist Association.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

At 3:15 p. m., the Society was called to order by the President, Mrs. E. B. Rogers, and after a song, Dr. E. W. Lounsbury led in prayer.

Then the President named the following nominating committee: Miss Chapman, of Stonington; Mrs. Jennison, of Decatur, and Mrs. Boynton, of Berlin.

Miss Gertrude Miller, who represented the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society, gave the first address. Miss Miller is a graduate of the Chicago Training School and she goes to Cuba this Autumn.

The Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of the West was represented by Mrs. W. E. Hopkins. She told of the many opportunities in foreign mission work and of how we might meet them.

An offering was taken which amounted to \$12.87 and the meeting was closed with prayer by Dr. E. P. Brand.

At 4 o'clock the women again met for their Annual Conference.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and the roll called, a member from most of the circles responded with a report.

The report of the nominating committee was as follows: President, Mrs. L. H. Williams, Springfield; Vice-President, Mrs. J. E. Willis; Secretary, Mrs. G. L. Barkley, Springfield.

The Report was adopted.

The Society then adjourned.

MRS. G. L. BARKLEY,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7:30.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. H. J. Grimm, of Pana.

7:45. Report of Committee on Foreign Missions.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Jesus Christ was a missionary, and Christianity is missionary or it's a fraud. "Like a mighty army moves the church of God"—we sing that in the face of heaven. There isn't a word of truth in it. It's a mock heroic. The little companies of guerilla bands and the sporadic efforts of border foray, do you call that the movement of an army?

When Napoleon saw the line of the enemy waver he called up his cavalry. The lines of paganism are wavering, and it's time for the Church to call up all its resources. The time has come for the mobilization of all our forces; concerted and concentrated advance is due. This is an age of big things. Ministering to sick hearts and diseased bodies is good, but the Church of the twentieth century is called to preach the gospel to Nations, and to deliver the challenge of the Cross to all peoples everywhere. We are called to make the appeal of the Gospel to Governments, and with all the acquired facilities of our growing Christian civilization to move the whole line toward the conquest of the World. All the ends of the earth must see the salvation of our God.

And the opportunity is ours, and the privilege is ours, and ours the responsibility. Mr. S. D. Gordon puts it in this touching way: "The Master was walking down the golden street one day, arm in arm with Gabriel, talking intently, earnestly. Gabriel is saying, "Master, you died for the whole world down there, did you not?" "Yes," "And do you all know about it?" "Oh, no, only a few in Palestine know about it so far." "Well, what is your plan? What have you done about telling the world that you died for it? What is your plan?" "Well," the Master is supposed to say, "I asked Peter, and James and John, and little Scotch Andrew, and some more of them down there to make it the business of their lives to tell others, and the others to tell others, until the last man in the farthest circle had heard the story and felt the thrilling and throbbing power of it." "Yes, but suppose Peter fails; suppose after awhile John simply does

not tell others; suppose their descendants, their successors, away off in the first edge of the twentieth century get so busy about things, some of them proper enough, some of them not quite so proper, that they do not tell others? What then?" and his eyes are big with the intenseness of his thought. He is thinking of the suffering, and of the difference to the man that has never been told. "What then?" And back comes the quiet, wondrous voice of Jesus: "Gabriel, I haven't made any other plan. I am counting on them."

Does the thought grip you? The Master has no other plan. He's depending on you. To withhold my heart, my prayers, my dollars, my interest, when He's depending on me? Never, that would be breach of trust, would be treason of the basest sort.

Ever man must go or help go, there's the command. To go requires heart in the work, and to help go means just as much heart in the work. The missionary heart, that's what Christians lack. Robert E. Spear says, "Five dollars per annum per member from the Christian Church of this generation will give to every person on opportunity to hear of the Christ." What Christian wouldn't give five dollars for an object so great as that? See what God can do with a consecrated dollar. Why, it almost seems that he touches missionary dollars with omnipotence so vast the accomplishment in comparison with the outlay. And it pays not only there but here. The strong Churches are missionary Churches, and they are not missionary churches because they are strong, they are strong because they are missionary. "Begin at Jerusalem," that's all right, but if you end there you haven't begun. To quarantine the Gospel is to kill it, it was made to spread. Instead of spending our time pulling to pieces our theology, let's patch it up with John 3:16 and let it go.

The American Baptist Missionary Union we commend its men and its methods. What's the Union's great need? Money, more money. Where must this money come from? From Baptist Churches, and they've got it. What's the great need then of Baptist Churches? The Holy Ghost of the Jordan Valley and of Pentecost.

Respectfully submitted,

EUCLID B. ROGERS, *Chairman*,
JAMES M. LIVELY.

7:45. Report of Foreign Mission Committee was adopted, and the Moderator introduced Dr. E. W. Lounsbury, who spoke in the interest of Foreign Missions.

8:15. Sermon by Rev. E. B. Rogers, who took for his text Prov. 29:18. "Where there is no vision the people perish."

Preceding the sermon the session was favored with a duet, entitled, "Beyond the Shadows," by Mrs. J. Brown and Mrs. H. Campbell.

9:00 p. m. Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Barry, of Assumption.

THURSDAY, 9:00 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. J. Midkiff, of Stonington.

9:15. Dr. Norman Carr, representing Shurtleff College, gave a short address on the needs of a Christian Education, and urging the Baptist people to send their children to Baptist Colleges.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

9:30 a. m. Your committee submits the following report: The Illinois Baptist State Convention has been doing missionary work in the State of Illinois for sixty-four years. The great strength of the denomination in the State at this time is due in a large measure to the work of this organization. The State Convention has assisted, by its missionaries and evangelists, forty-three Churches this year in direct evangelistic and pastoral work; and many other Churches have been benefited in other ways by the State Convention.

The Convention not only exists for the building up of Baptist Churches in Illinois but keeps in close touch with our educational system and all the Baptist educational institutions in the State. It has also kept a missionary at the State University to care for the three hundred Baptist students attending that institution. It also lends its aid and sympathy to the work of the evangelization of the world through the Missionary Union, the saving of North America through the Home Mission Society, and the publication and missionary work of the Publication Society. We recommend to all our Churches a hearty support of the State Convention. We heartily endorse our worthy Superintendent, E. P. Brand, D. D., and his assistants. We urge that each Church take an offering for the work of the Convention.

Report adopted.

G. W. CLAXON,
W. J. GRIMM,
L. H. WILLIAMS.

9:40. The report was adopted and Rev. E. P. Brand, State Superintendent of Missions spoke on State Mission work, of its accomplishments during the past and its great possibilities of the present and the future.

10:15. Sermon by Rev. H. H. Alger, pastor of the Shelbyville Baptist Church.

10:45. Reading of Church letters.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

11:00. The American Baptist Home Mission Society has had 1,533 laborers at work in all parts of North America during the past year. They supplied 2,158 Churches and out-stations; preached 117,991 ser-

mons; attended 51,227 prayer meetings; made 358,484 religious visits; distributed 12,880 Bibles and Testaments, also 1,998,924 pages of tracts; received by baptism 7,404 and by letter and experience 8,880, making a total addition to the mission Churches aided of 16,284; forty-five Churches were organized; 1,460 Sunday Schools were under the care of the missionaries, attended by 89,611 scholars. In considering the above it must be remembered that about one-fourth of the workers are not engaged directly in preaching the Gospel, but are doing just as truly and as much needed work in the schools and in other lines connected with this great work for God and Baptist cause. During the past 76 years the missionaries of this Society have baptized 215,572 persons and organized 6,158 churches; fifty-nine mission Churches became self supporting last year, and 100 new fields were taken up; but there are fully 185 new fields that ought to be occupied this year.

The Society had 331 missionaries among more than 20 nationalities of Foreigners in our own beloved land, in Cuba 38, and in Porto Rico 39, where results have been marvelous. The great Western Work continues to be the largest feature of the work and must be for many years. The Indian work is very successful; in fact, all lines of the great work bear the marks of Divine approval. There were 39 schools aided last year, having an enrollment of 9,000 with over 500 students for the ministry; 107 new Church houses were built.

We most heartily commend the Society and its great work for our country, our denomination, and our God to the favorable consideration of the Churches; and urge that all the Churches do their best in offerings to this cause, especially that they try to, at least, meet the apportionment asked by the State Apportionment Committee of the Northern Baptist Convention. Send all contributions to Rev. S. C. Fulmer, 1738 Ruckle st., Indianapolis, Ind.

SAMUEL D. McKENNY,
P. S. HEALD.

11:15. Address on Home Missions by Rev. P. S. Heald, pastor of the Old Stonington Baptist Church.

12:00. Adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m. Prayer by Rev. J. J. Midkiff.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 1:30.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. L. C. Barry, pastor of the Assumption Baptist Church.

1:45. Appointment of Standing Committees.

STATE MISSIONS.

Rev. N. O. Patterson, Dr. Clark, Rev. J. N. Edmondson, Guy Colby, Rev. S. D. McKenny.

HOME MISSIONS.

Rev. S. H. Bowyer, S. E. Cushing, Rev. C. L. Barry.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Rev. J. N. Edmondson, Rev. G. W. Claxon, Rev. J. M. Lively.

BIBLE SCHOOL.

Rev. H. H. Alger, Rev. L. H. Williams, Rev. J. F. Howard.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP.

Rev. E. B. Rogers, Rev. W. G. Patterson, Rev. S. D. McKenney.

2:00 p. m. Report of Committee on Christian Stewardship:

Your Committee on Christian Stewardship would urge the pastors of the local churches to give their careful attention to the members of their respective churches in teaching them not only from the pulpit but in the homes the importance of tything. And in case that some of the pastors are not following Gods command we would urge upon them to set the example for their congregations.

The needs of the churches were never greater than today. Their needs can only be met as individual churches and individuals in the churches see the needs and meet them. Latent possibilities can be realized only when the doctrine of biblical stewardship is understood and practical.

To this end we commend the stewardship study classes. The law of sowing and reaping is to be applied in the spiritual as well as in the natural world.

Your committee believes that not until we all recognize the superior ownership of God. Can we attain a position to correctly understand the blessed relationship of sons and daughters of God. The following is a budget of the absolute needs of our great Missionary Societies.

Foreign Missions	\$547,000
Home Missions	442,000
American Baptist Publications	103,000
State Missions	25,000

S. H. BOWYER,
J. F. HOWARD,
A. N. SHARPES,
Committee.

The report of the Christian Stewardship Committee was adopted and Rev. S. H. Bowyer gave the address on Christian Stewardship.

2:30. Reports of Committees.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That the following resolution be referred to the Churches for action said action of the Churches to be reported to the next annual meeting of the Association.

2. *Resolved*, That when a Church desires to ordain a man to the gospel ministry that a Council of all the Churches of our Association be called for examination and advice. This Council to be called at least one month previous to ordination.

3. Union with the Disciples.

WHEREAS, There has been considerable discussion in some portions of the State on the subject of union between Baptists and Disciples; and,

WHEREAS, There are marked differences between these two denominations on fundamental doctrines; therefore

Resolved, That we advise all our Churches to avoid taking any part toward union with the Disciples or any other denomination.

Resolved, That we recommend to the Churches that before doing anything that will affect their denominational fellowship they call a Council of the Association for advice and counsel.

5. We recommend that our people subscribe for and read the *Standard*, of Chicago.

6. *Resolved*. That the messengers to the Springfield Association render thanks to the South Seventh Street Baptist Church, their pastor and wife and all friends who have in any way assisted in making our stay in your city so pleasant.

WHEREAS. Through the instrumentality of the Anti-Saloon League of Illinois something like sixteen hundred saloons have been eliminated within the past year and incalculable blessing and benefit has thus come upon a large body of suffering men, women and children; and,

WHEREAS. The liquor interests of the State have declared it their intention to control the next General Assembly and dictate legislation upon this greatest question of the day, and are actively pushing their campaign for the election of legislators who will do their bidding, and who will favor the repeal of the Local Option Law; therefore, be it

Resolved. That the members of the Baptist Churches in Association assembled call upon all pastors and laymen to rally at this critical and important period to the support of the Anti-Saloon League, and that we welcome to the pulpit their representatives, and that the League receive their unanimous support in its campaign for County Option, Residence District Option, and such other measures as may render the enforcement of the Local Option Law a certainty; and, be it further

Resolved. That we urge upon every voter the importance of using his influence throughout the campaign of the next two months, and his vote upon election day, for the advancement of the cause of the Church and its great fight against the liquor traffic.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. EDMONDSON, *Chairman*,
J. M. LIVELY.

2:45. A special committee appointed by the Moderator during the Pastor's Conference made their report at this time.

We, your committee, beg leave to report:

Realizing the vast amount of work placed upon our State Superintendent and his assistants we recommend that all pastor's and laymen do all in their power to aid in this our State work.

We further recommend that this Association elect a committee of five consisting of three pastor's and two laymen, this committee to be known as the Central Committee of the Association, and that this Committee have charge of the following important work.

First—That this Committee act in the capacity of an advisory board in relation to associational work.

Second—This Committee shall be empowered to act as a soliciting committee in securing funds to aid weaker Churches and destitute fields.

Third—That this Committee assist in combining the weaker Churches in order that they have the benefit of a resident pastor.

Fourth—That this Committee act in conjunction with the State Superintendent and his assistants in relation to locating pastors within the boundary of our Association.

Report adopted and the following named bretheren were elected: Rev. N. O. Patterson, L. H. Clark, M. D., Rev. J. N. Edmondson, Guy I. Colby, Rev. Samuel D. McKenny.

Report of the Trustees.

1. The Trustees of the Association respectfully report that the "Strawbridge Annual Sermon" was preached in the Central Baptist Church, of Springfield, by REV. E. B. ROGERS, on the second Sunday of October, 1907.

2. That the annual interest on the Strawbridge fund of \$1,000 was collected in the month of December, 1907, and paid over to the Treasurer, as heretofore, the amount being \$60.00 instead of \$50.00, arising from an increase in the rate of interest, from 5% and 6% during the last year.

3. That the Trustees recommend that the REV. G. W. CLAXON be appointed to preach the Strawbridge Annual Sermon, on the second Sunday of October, 1909.

The Trustee to be elected at this meeting, for three years, will be in place of Edwin S. Walker, whose term is to expire.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD D. KEYS.

EDWIN S. WALKER.

I. A. BUCKINGHAM,

Trustees.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Springfield Baptist Association. in Account with JOHN O. RAMES.

Treasurer.

1907.	CREDIT.	
Sept. 9.	By cash received of HENRY A. CONVERSE, former Treasurer	\$ 10 60
Sept. 9.	By cash received of S. D. McKenny, contributions for the Minutes of the Association, from the churches	24 60
Dec. 30.	By cash received of S. D. McKenny, also for Minutes	10 00
Dec. 30.	By cash received from Trustees of the Strawbridge Fund, interest for one year to date.....	60 00
1908.		
Sept. 1.	By cash received of S. D. McKinney, for Minutes of 1907	3 00
Total amount received		\$ 108 20

1907.	DEBTOR.	
Nov. 10.	To cash paid S. D. McKenny for services as Clerk of the Association	\$ 25 00
	To cash paid Schnepf and Barnes for printing Minutes	35 00
Nov. 12.	To cash paid S. D. McKinny, for Express and Postage, on Minutes	5 50
Dec. 30.	To cash paid REV. E. B. ROGERS, for preaching the STRAWBRIDGE ANNUAL SERMON	25 00
1908.	To cash paid S. D. McKenny, clerk, for postage	1 38
Sept. 1.	To cash paid A. B. Publication Society, for blank letters	75
Sept. 1.	Balance on hand	15 57
Total		\$ 108 20

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN O. RAMES,

Treasurer.

REPORT OF B. Y. P. U.

Your Committee on B. Y. P. U. would report as follows:

We believe the Young People's Union has a work to accomplish in our Churches and Communities, which can be accomplished by no other department of the Church, and which, therefore, if left undone by the Young People, will remain forever undone. The Society is bringing about the desired results in a degree. We commend the work of education and training that has been accomplished through the Christian Culture Courses. This work has undoubtedly increased the interest of thousands in the Bible, in Christian and Baptist history and doctrine, and in missions. We especially recommend to the local classes in this Association, for the purpose of increasing the missionary spirit in Church and Society, as full a co-operation as local conditions permit, with the great missionary organizations in what is known as the Young People's Forward Movement. This seems to us the broadest and most practical method yet devised for directing young and old in the study of missionary principles and movements.

On the other hand, let us have the courage to confess our faults and face actual conditions and problems. Much remains to be desired in Young People's work. We feel that in local Church work there is a larger function for the Union than it has yet learned to perform. We do not know what is needed, or how to supply the need, but we respectfully submit a suggestion. The center of our Society's work has been the Young People's Prayer or Testimony Meeting. This has much too often become a routine of pious phrases, regrets for the past, and pledges for the future. In hinging our vitality on a social meeting, are we not repeating an activity that has for a century belonged to the Church as such, and has perhaps been better performed by the Church than it can be by the Young People's Union? The Church has long maintained the institution of the Prayer Meeting. We would suggest that the pivot of Young People's success should be Service,—not words but work. Let us measure our success not by the number in attendance, but by things done for Christ's Kingdom; not by the number of testimonies but by deeds of good; not even by the interest in the meeting, but by the Society's practical helpfulness to young people. If we individually and collectively lead people out of darkness into light, the weekly meeting will take on new life and the Union will, by giving out of its strength, itself grow strong.

G. W. CLAXON,

MISS ELLA CHAPMAN,

P. S. HEALD,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEXT SESSION.

Your Committee on Next Session recommend the acceptance of the invitation of the New Stonington Church, and that we meet the first Wednesday in September with the New Stonington Baptist Church.

J. J. MIDKIFF,

S. E. CUSHING,

H. H. ALGER.

At this time the Moderator appointed the Program Committee for next session: Pastor of the entertaining Church, J. J. Owen, Rev. S. H. Bowyer, Samuel D. McKenny.

3:15. Address on Bible School work by W. B. Morris our new State Superintendent of Bible Schools.

3:45. Junior Work conducted by Mrs. T. B. Shepley.

A vote of sympathy was extended to Sister Patterson the beloved wife of Brother G. W. Patterson, who met with a serious accident soon after arriving in Springfield.

Rev. Samuel D. McKenny presented the needs of the aged ministers home located at Fenton, Mich., urging all Churches to remember this worthy cause in the Church offerings.

Rev. J. N. Edmondson and several of the visiting pastors spoke words of appreciation of the kind hospitality and courteous treatment extended by the South Seventh Street Pastor and his people.

There being no further business the Springfield Association closed its seventieth meeting to meet with the New Stonington Baptist Church the first Wednesday in September, 1909.

S. D. McKENNY, *Clerk.*

The Baptist Young Peoples' Union of the Springfield Association Thursday Evening Session.

Praise service was led by Mr. John Nicholson, Springfield.

In the absence of the President, the meeting was called to order by the Vice-President, Mr. W. A. Brown, of Decatur.

Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read and approved.

A Nominating Committee was appointed by the President as follows: Rev. J. A. Carwile, Moweaqua; Miss Florence Patterson, Stonington; Mrs. Lizzie Worthington, Springfield.

Reports from the various Societies were then given of the work done during the year.

Nominating Committee reported, recommending the following officers for the year: President, Mr. W. A. Brown, Decatur; Vice-President, Mr. John Nicholson, Springfield; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Rosella Thomas, Moweaqua; Junior Superintendent, Mrs. T. B. Shepley, Springfield.

By vote they were declared duly elected.

A solo was then rendered by Mrs. Brown of Springfield, which was highly appreciated.

The address of the evening was delivered by Rev. R. V. Meigs, of Urbana. His theme was, "The Special and Divine Call of Our Day." The truths were presented in a pleasing, yet in such a forcible manner, that the audience was profoundly impressed by the message.

After the Consecration Service, led by Rev. S. D. McKenny, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Rev. Meigs.

ROSELLA M. THOMAS,
Secretary.

Abstract of Letters.

ASSUMPTION—Our church was pastorless from the time Bro. L. C. Coffey left us last September until in August when our present pastor, Bro. C. Louis Berry of Michigan, began his work here. Last June Bro. Dan. Shannou the Evangelist, held a meeting here which strengthened us spiritually and numerically. Sabbath School is maintained with fair attendance, and we believe brighter days are ahead.

AUBURN—Our church has held regular preaching services every two weeks during the past year, conducted by Pastor N. B. Henderson, of Shurtleff College, who resigned to continue his studies at Rochester. We reluctantly accepting the resignation. The church extended a call to Rev. S. D. McKenny, who began the work at once, and who will live among us, giving us one-half time and all mid-week prayer services and Bible studies. We have held regular prayer services during the year, Sabbath School each Sunday with interest and attendance good. B. Y. P. U. every two weeks. The Church, Sunday school Ladies Aid and B. Y. P. U. placed a new pipe organ in the church, which we believe will prove a great help. We are out of debt and trust and pray that our church will be wonderfully blessed during the year.

BERLIN—Two events of importance will soon be observed by the church. Our Woman's Mission Circle organized Aug. 29, 1878, at which organization Mrs. Stevens, the first Missionary of the Woman's Missionary Society of the west was present and gave an address, has attained its thirtieth anniversary this year. We expect Miss Long to be present and address the Society at our anniversary meeting. This Circle is the oldest in Sangamon County, if not in the State. The second event of importance is the 75th anniversary of the organization of the church which will be fittingly celebrated in October of the date of the organization. During the earlier part of the year we were pastorless, but April first Rev. C. H. Hands moved on the field. We have organized a Teachers' Training Class, which is proving helpful; a Men's Brotherhood League is awakening an interest among the men of the church.

BOIS D'ARC—We have preaching every two weeks by Bro. J. F. Howard, of Divernon. A earnest effort is being made to keep all branches of the work up. The Ladies Aid and Missionary Society meet monthly and are doing good work.

CENTRAL, SPRINGFIELD—The last year has been one of progress in many ways. Jan. 1, 1908, we granted letters to one hundred and forty-six of our new members to found a church in the north part of the city to be known as the Elliott Ave. Baptist Church. Under the faithful ministry of Dr. Rogers and his faithful wife we feel encouraged to hope for better things.

CHATHAM—The church called Rev. Browning in March who was with us until the middle of June. Since that time Rev. S. D. McKenny has supplied us every two weeks. We maintain a S. S. and endeavor to keep every thing in good running order. Death claimed two of our members, Ida J. Nichols, wife of Deacon N. A. Nicols, and Lucinda M. Chapin, wife of our former Pastor Rev. W. J. Chapin, both of whom were ready to meet their Lord. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

DECATUR—This month marks the close of the most successful, and in some respects, the most unique year in the history of this church. Last fall the pastor and deacons determined upon more aggressive work—the result exceeding all expectations. Early in the year the church led by its able pastor, was a strong factor in the union evangelistic services conducted by Rev. W. A. Sunday. The meetings proved a revival, indeed, almost four hundred being added to the church! As a result in June Riverside Mission was formally organized as an independent church taking forty-two members from us. East Park Chapel is considering a like step.

DIVERNON—We are pleased to report a very prosperous year. Forty-five new members have been added to the church. All departments of our work seem to be in excellent condition. Special mention may be made of the Junior B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School work. We are in the midst of a revival conducted by Rev. Dr. Lamkin of Arkansas City, Kans. All are hopeful of good results. Bro. J. F. Howard is now on his second year and we cannot speak too highly of the tireless efforts made by him and his estimable wife to further the work.

EDINBURG—But little done this year—are hopeful of better things. Our Missionary Society has done more this year than any other.

ELLIOTT AVENUE—The Elliott Avenue church was organized Jan. 1, 1908. One hundred and fifty-three members were granted letters from the Central Baptist Church, to form this organization. A recognition service was held Jan. 6, at which a splendid program was carried out by visiting min-

isters and laymen. We have a flourishing Sunday School, a prayer meeting of from forty-five to sixty in attendance. A good Jury Peoples' Society, and Aid, of forty-five members, a Women's Mission Circle and Junior Society. Rev. S. D. McKenny resigned to take effect April 26, and on May 3rd, Rev. G. W. Claxon entered upon the work and is doing efficient, faithful work. A mission located at the corner of Eighteenth Street and Converse Avenue, known as the Converse Avenue Mission, is doing splendid work. Thro' the kindness and generosity of a good brother of the Central Church, we have a building which will be formally opened next Sunday.

IMMANUEL—The past year has been one of mingled success and failure, but we are determined to get on to better and greater things for the Kingdom of Christ. Bro. J. M. Lively closed his work here the last of August. An active prayer meeting, a Sunday School doing good work and a helpful B. Y. P. U. are sources of strength.

LOAMI—We have not accomplished as much as we desired, but believe good seed has been sown. Rev. Simeon Hussey of Upper Alton preaches for us half time, since Jan. 1. Our Sunday School is fairly well attended, but prayer meeting not as it should be.

MORRISONVILLE—In March a call was extended to Rev. W. G. Patterson, he accepting and coming with us May 1. The Sunday School is doing good and earnest work. Our prayer meetings are fairly well attended. The B. Y. P. U. is doing some faithful work. The pastor conducts a Teacher's Meeting Friday evening of each week.

MOWEAQUA—There has been active work all along the line. Under the leadership of our beloved pastor, we are stronger today than heretofore. Rev. Dan Shannon begins a revival meeting here Sunday, Sept. 6th. Pray for us during these meetings.

NEW STONINGTON—The year has been one of progress, both spiritual and material. A short revival meeting, lead by our pastor, assisted by Rev. Watson, of Taylorville, was held in November. As a result of Decision Day twenty-three were added to the church from the Sunday School, besides twenty-nine others. Death removed from our midst Sister Angeline Funderburk, after a long life of Christian Service. Our brother A. B. Chapman has gone to the better land. Words fail to express our sorrow and grief at the passing away of this man who made it possible for us to have this church as it is today. Our church building was remodeled at a cost of about \$3,500.00, our enlarged Primary room, several class rooms and a church basement, adding materially to the efficiency of the working church. This was accomplished under the efforts and generalship of our pastor.

OLD STONINGTON—Rev. R. E. Burt closed his pastorate Sept. 15, 1907, and was succeeded by Rev. P. S. Heald who began his labors Jan. 5, 1908. Six have been added to the church under the effectual preaching of our pastor, the Sunday School is in good condition.

Oreana—Our year's work shows our church house in good shape. New seats, newly papered and grained, new carpet on rostrum and aisles. We intended celebrating our fiftieth anniversary and had all preparations made when small-pox struck our village; but we will try it again. Our pastor, Rev. A. W. Sharpes, resigned the 1st of July. We pray the Holy Spirit may send us some one to take up the Lord's work and carry it forward to success.

PANA—Our pastor is serving his second year. A revival conducted by Rev. R. E. Kirkland, assisted by the pastor, resulted in a largely increased membership. All the different departments are in a healthy condition. A handsome sum has been spent in church improvements. A beautiful memorial window was placed in the front of the church house by the business men, in memory of Deacon W. L. Dowling, our organist.

PAWNEE—We have nothing very encouraging to write, but are glad that Bro. J. P. Alexander, of Auburn, is with us preaching the word in its purity and we are hoping for a revival meeting soon.

PLEASANT PLAINS—By comparing this year's work with last, we note a marked improvement. Rev. Simeon Hussey has been with us since March. We maintain a Sunday School and feel we have much to be thankful for.

RIVERSIDE—Our church was organized June 22, 1908, with forty-three members, all of whom except two came from the First Church. Dr. A. L. Kellogg of the James Milliken University, was called as active pastor, while steps were taken to secure a permanent pastor, resulting in the calling of Rev. J. M. Lively, who began his work September 1st. We are located in a rapidly growing district and it is reasonable to hope many conversions will occur during the coming months. We feel much is due to the First Church and our former pastor Dr. Bowyer, in their cordial encouragement and co-operation.

SOUTH SEVENTH STREET, SPRINGFIELD—It is with great pleasure the South Seventh Street church greets the Springfield Association. The past year has been in many respects the best in our history. Our faithful

pastor and wife have led us to higher and better things. The Sunday School, the Young Peoples' Society and Juniors are all doing valuable work. The Ladies' Aid in two sections is doing splendid work financially and a marked improvement is noticeable in the Ladies' Missionary report. Evangelist F. A. Reisner, assisted the pastor in a series of special meetings resulting in about twenty additions to the church. A new mission in Harvard Park addition was established in March and arrangements have been made with Dr. Brand to have a "Chapel Car" come to the mission in October and we are hopeful of great good.

SHELBYVILLE—Rev. I. Harlan left us in December and in April, Rev. H. H. Alger settled in the field. His ministry is attended by good congregations and excellent interest. Financial conditions of both church and school good. We are spending about \$600.00 in repairing and improving our meeting house. The outlook for fall and winter work is bright with promise.

We the Farmersville Baptist Church come seeking admission to the Springfield Association. Owing to the abandonment of the Carrollton Association—we have had no associational home for the last two years. Our church being located in Sangamon County, we thought best to request admission to your association.

We maintain a splendid Bible School. Our church home is free from debt, and under the leadership of our beloved pastor, Rev. T. B. Frary, we are looking forward to great results.

Yours in his name,

Rev. T. B. Frary, Pastor,
J. O. Browning, Clerk.

We, the Riverside Baptist Church of Decatur, Ill., to the Springfield Baptist Association:

Dear Fellow workers—The Riverside Baptist Church was organized June 22, 1908, with forty-three members, all but two came from the First Baptist Church of Decatur. Rev. S. H. Bowyer, Pastor. Rev. J. M. Lively has been called as permanent pastor. We are confident with such a pastor to lead, we shall run and not grow weary, we shall walk and not faint.

J. M. Lively, Pastor.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 30, 1908.

The Elliott Avenue Baptist Church of Springfield, comes seeking admission to the Association. On Jan. 1st, 1908, one hundred and fifty-three letters were granted by the Central Baptist Church to organize an independent church to be known as the Elliott Avenue Baptist Church. This church is self-supporting, the property in splendid condition, a modern seven room parsonage was completed about May 1st. We have spiritual prayer meetings, a fine Sunday School, Senior and Junior Societies, a Woman's Mission Circle and energetic Ladies Aid. On May 1st, the resignation of Rev. Samuel D. McKenny took effect, and the work was immediately taken up by Rev. G. W. Claxon. The work has a forward tendency and we are hopeful of great things.

A. M. Lankford, Moderator...
Geo. W. Taylor, Clerk.

TAYLORVILLE—For the most part, this has been a most unsatisfactory year. We have been minus a pastor since April. A meeting resulting in about sixty conversions was held under the directions of Bro. Reisner, assisted by Rev. A. O. Patterson and Rev. Watson, the pastor. The different societies have done fairly good work.

ZENOBI—The church had the services of Rev. R. H. Claxon up to February 1st. Since then Rev. J. F. Howard has supplied the pulpit every two weeks. Services are well attended. Sunday School prosperous and attendance increasing. The church granted Bro. Richard Sloman a license to preach the gospel.

REPORTS OF HOME AND FOREIGN MISSION WORK

Of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Springfield Baptist Association, from April 1, 1907 to April 1, 1908.

CHURCH	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	Members Mission Circle	Tidings Taken	Helping Hand Taken...	Contributions of the W. B. H. M. S. from Apr. 1, '07 to Apr. 1, '08	Contributions of the W. B. F. M. S. from Apr. 1, '07 to Apr. 1, '08	Contributions to the W. B. H. M. S. Train- ing School Fund.....
Assumption.....	No Circle.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 2 00	\$ 2 00	.....
Auburn.....	No Circle.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Berlin.....	Mrs. P. U. Boynton.....	Mrs. E. B. Warren.....	10	8	4	39 00	39 00	.....
Bethel.....	No Circle.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	12 00	.....
Bois d'Arc.....	No Circle.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	2 50	.....
Chatham.....	No Circle.....	.....	55	.....	.....	40 00	.....	.....
Decatur { Home (King's Daughters) { Foreign	Mrs. O. H. Davis.....	Mrs. J. E. Willis.....	63	5	13	.....	81 80	.....
	.....	Mrs. H. M. Owen.....	.....	.....	.....	9 00	10 00	\$ 11 00
Divernon.....	No Circle.....	Miss Effie Williams.....	7	2	.....	12 75	4 25	.....
Edinburg.....	Mrs. C. A. Stokes.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....
Loami.....	No Circle.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Morrisonville.....	No Circle.....	.....	29	.....	.....	19 15	19 15	10 00
Moweaqua.....	Mrs. Lydia Bullock.....	Mrs. Minnie Carsell.....	21	.....	1	4 69	4 70	.....
New Stonington.....	Mrs. Emma Hargrove.....	Miss Ella Chapman.....	.....	.....	.....	15 09	7 78	302 00
Old Stonington.....	Mrs. Mary E. Duncan.....	Miss Myrtle Anderson.....	17	10	.....	12 50	12 00	12 00
Oreana.....	Mrs. W. W. Merritt.....	Mrs. Rosa O. Ragsdale.....	6	7	3	23 00	.....	.....
Pana.....	Miss Addie Hitchcock.....	Miss Susie Coe.....	22	.....	6	.....	.....	.....
Pawnee.....	No Circle.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....
Pleasant Plains.....	No Circle.....	.....	.....	.....	8	19 00	18 50	12 00
Shelbyville.....	Miss Fannie Hopkins.....	Mrs. L. G. Fish.....	15	8	.....	66 49	70 74	.....
Springfield (Central) Woman's Circle.....	Mrs. E. B. Rogers.....	Mrs. J. A. Irwin.....	38	6	.....	42 00	42 00	.....
	(Central) Young Woman's Circle.....	Miss Maude Humphrey.....	30	2	.....	3 39	1 54	.....
“ Elliot Avenue.....	Mrs. S. D. McKenny.....	Mrs. Laurana Hart.....	7	5	.....	5 00	.....	.....
“ German.....	No Circle.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 01	15 00	.....
“ S. Seventh street.....	Mrs. F. B. Elder.....	Mrs. W. F. Leber.....	6	7	1	31 75	31 75	.....
Taylorville.....	Mrs. J. E. George.....	Mrs. W. K. Nicodemus.....	26	.....	11	.....	1 00	.....
Tower Hill.....	No Circle.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zenobia.....	No Circle.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 44	6 43	.....
Association Collections.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	.....	.....	352	63	57	\$381 26	\$405 84	\$347 00

MRS. G. L. BARKLEY, Secretary.

TABLE OF CHURCH STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS WITH THEIR POSTOFFICES.	PASTORS AND MESSENGERS.	GAIN.				LOSS.				Total number....
			Baptism ...	Letter	Experience	Restored...	Letter	Excluded ..	Erased	Died	
Assumption	Mrs. Adah Corzine	REV. C. LOUIS BERRY, Win. Thomas, S. E. Cushing. Deacons; Mrs. S. E. Cushing	13	2	.....	1	19	.....	4	.....	115
Anburn	Miss Mamie Hart	REV. S. D. MCKENNY, Rev. J. P. Alexander, Rev. J. N. Fitch, Thomas Black, H. M. Hart, John W. Hart, C. M. Patton, Miss Eliza Allin, Miss Maude Jacobs, Miss Bertha Hart .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	2	134
Berlin	Miss Nelle Y. Taylor, N. Berlin	REV. C. H. HANDS, Mr. Foutch, Mrs. Rhea, Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Boynton, Jos. Mitchell .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	3	107
Bois d'Arc	Arthur E. Barnes, Divernon	REV. J. F. HOWARD, A. E. Barnes, G. R. Grove, T. B. Fenstermaker. Rev. E. B. ROGERS, D. D., Rev. Edwin S. Walker, Mr. E. B. Rogers, Nelson Neher, Dr. A. L. Converse, Guy I. Colby, Dr. N. R. Gordon. John Maldaner, Mrs. I. S. Guest, Mrs. G. H. Henschhaus, Mrs. Jennie Powell, Mrs. W. S. Barber, W. A. Pavey, Mr. Keenitz, J. H. Collins. Rev. W. J. Chapin, Mr. J. K. Durham, Deacon; Mrs. Decker, Miss M. Aldrich, Mr. Jas. Lower	3	1	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	50
Central Baptist, Springfield	John H. Neher	REV. S. H. BOWYER, D. D., Rev. Jas. Lively, F. P. Allen, Jno. McClure, Licentiate; W. A. Holman, Deacon; Mrs. O. H. Davis, Mrs. L. H. Clark, Mrs. W. P. Stare, Mrs. J. L. Deck, Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Buckingham	6	11	1	.....	163	.....	9	10	898
Chatham	Mrs. Fannie Mansfield	Rev. W. J. Chapin, Mr. J. K. Durham, Deacon; Mrs. Decker, Miss M. Aldrich, Mr. Jas. Lower .....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	38
Decatur	F. O. Riggs	REV. S. H. BOWYER, D. D., Rev. Jas. Lively, F. P. Allen, Jno. McClure, Licentiate; W. A. Holman, Deacon; Mrs. O. H. Davis, Mrs. L. H. Clark, Mrs. W. P. Stare, Mrs. J. L. Deck, Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Buckingham .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Divernon	A. E. Starkweather	REV. J. F. HOWARD, P. M. Wells, Deacon; C. A. Wells, Misses Laura Wells, Mattie Powell and Anna Wells, Mr. Lem Wall	327	32	70	8	52	2	32	8	1223
Edinburg	Mrs. C. A. Stokes	Deacon Jordan, Clarence Halford, Mrs. C. A. Stokes	31	10	4	.....	2	.....	.....	1	127
Elliott av., Springfield	Geo. W. Taylor	REV. G. W. CLAXON, W. A. McKinnie, C. G. Broderick, David Roll, John Hughes, Deacons; Mrs. G. W. Claxon, Mrs. W. S. Carter, Mrs. Geo. White, Mrs. Wilson .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	2	119
Farmersville	J. O. Browning	Mrs. Geo. White, Mrs. Wilson	5	159	1	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	160
Immanuel	Mrs. Jurko Lubbers, Montic'lo	REV. T. B. FRARY .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Loami	H. G. Campbell	REV. J. M. LIVELY, Mr. Otto Lubbers, Christian Lubbers, Frederick Benjamin .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Morrisonville	C. H. Browy	REV. SIMEON HUSSEY, Daniel Sturgis, Deacon; Harry Minner	6	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	23
Moweauqua	Jas. W. Clark	REV. W. G. PATTERSON, Mrs. W. G. Patterson .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	5	1	72
		REV. J. N. EDMONDSON, N. E. Smith, N. Francis, J. W. Gregory, Deacons; Miss Elizabeth Marshall, Miss Zella Thomas, E. C. Poole, Licentiate .....	.....	3	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	64
			5	4	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	1	348

New Stonington	J. Irving Owen, Stonington...	REV. N. O. PATTERSON, <i>Rev. J. J. Midkiff</i> , Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Chesbro, Mrs. Samuel Hargrave, Misses Florence and Marjorie Patterson, Ella Chapman and Rosa Funk.....	38	10	4	1	.....	.....	.....	2	147
Old Stonington	Mrs. L. S. Briggs, Stonington..	REV. P. S. HEALD, Mrs. P. S. Heald.....	6	2	.....	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	150
Creana	C. P. Rainey.....	<i>Rev. E. M. Brown</i> , Miss Nellie Kohr.....	6	3	2	7	.....	3	.....	.....	112
Pana	Wm. M. Coe.....	REV. W. J. GRIMM, J. H. Kirkpatrick, F. Jewitt, A. W. Thrasher, Mrs. Profit, Mrs. Lendwick.....	150	4	9	4	.....	.....	.....	2	406
Pawnee.....	Mrs. Clara Gibson.....	REV. J. P. ALEXANDER, Mr. Self, Deacon; Mrs. Self, Mrs. Washkivetch, Mrs. Barnes.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	3	49
Pleasant Plains.....	E. D. Boynton.....	REV. SIMEON HUSSEY.....	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51
Riverside, Decatur...	.....	REV. J. M. LIVELY.....	3	43	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46
Shelbyville.....	Gertrude E. Root.....	REV. H. H. ALGER.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	2	.....	159
So. 7th st. Springfield.	T. B. Shepley.....	REV. L. H. WILLIAMS, <i>Rev. L. J. Hadley</i> , F. J. M. Moor, M. Brownell, Deacons, Mrs. Lindsay; Mrs. Leber, Mrs. Denton, Mrs. Shade	12	10	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	316
Taylorville	Mrs. Beatrice Smith	Mrs. J. R. Sharp, Mrs. Genevieve Taylor	39	16	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	5	401
Zenobia	C. L. Scroggin, Morrisonville.	REV. J. F. HOWARD, Richard Stoman, Licentiate; C. S. Rich, O. R. Vanguson, David Vanguson.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	56
Totals.....	.....	.....	654	314	93	15	337	21	55	43	5371

Pastors in small capitals, ordained ministers in italics. Postoffice same as name of the Church unless otherwise indicated.

TABLE OF SUNDAY SCHOOL AND GENERAL STATISTICS.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.				CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS.													
CHURCHES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	Officers and Teachers	Scholars enrolled.....	Average Attendance....	Contributions ...	Sunday School Expenses.....	State Missions...	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.....	Bible and Publi- cation Society.	Orphans' Home.	Baptist Ministers Home	Christian Education	Miscellaneous...	Church expenses	Church Property	Minutes
Assumption	S. E. Cushing	11	55	40	.....	\$ 51 00	\$ 5 85	\$ 9 40	.....	\$9 00	\$7 25	\$14 55	.....	\$ 5 00	\$ 459 52	\$5,000 00	\$1 75
Auburn.....	J. W. Hart.....	10	115	68	.....	121 89	17 75	13 80	\$ 13 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,295 00	5,000 00	1 50
Berlin.....	Mrs. C. B. Warren	13	67	45	.....	40 25	.....	.....	7 00	.....	.....	.....	\$30 00	.....	560 00	4,500 00	1 00
Bois D'Arc.....	T. B. Fenstermaker, Virden, R. F. D.	10	.....	.....	.....	38 00	.....	.....	480 44	18 51	.....	.....	.....	2 50	470 00	4,000 00	.....
Central Bap., Springfield	Robt. H. Patton, Dr. Stanley Castle	30	.....	210	.....	311 75	49 02	68 98	.....	.....	.....	12 55	16 10	1,678 74	4,700 96	40,000 00	10 00
Chatham.....	N. A. Nichols	7	21	17	.....	10 18	2 00	2 00	1 50	1 00	2 00	2 00	.....	2 82	201 50	2,000 00	60
Decatur.....	Owen Scott	72	608	455	\$48 25	225 00	74 30	55 86	69 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,195 81	45,000 00	5 00
Divernon.....	D. T. Wall.....	12	200	150	40 00	100 00	11 70	12 89	6 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	663 97	5,395 97	1 50
Edinburg.....	Mrs. Minnie Breckenridge.....	14	45	30	8 00	41 53	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 50	.....	139 35	3,000 00	1 00
Elliott Ave., Springfield	Jas. B. Hood.....	30	300	185	3 85	142 55	20 65	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	906 00	7,500 00	2 50
Farmersville .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Immanuel	Frederick Benjamin.....	8	30	25	.....	10 00	4 00	2 50	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	305 00	500 00	1 00
Loami	David Evans.....	8	32	30	.....	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	350 00	1,200 00	1 00
Morrisonville	Frank Barnett.....	13	70	45	6 59	35 85	6 00	.....	9 00	.....	15 50	.....	.....	1 00	547 25	5,000 00	1 00
Moweaua	P. L. Drew	19	130	120	5 00	87 00	12 00	45 50	48 75	5 00	.....	3 64	.....	4 00	1,514 51	11,000 00	3 00
New Stonington	I. Irving Owen	16	170	67	14 38	83 43	42 50	18 00	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,302 28	1,270 60	10,000 00	2 00
Old Stonington	Wm. Greer.....	11	.....	.....	27 00	36 00	20 00	.....	20 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	688 10	.....	.....
Oreana	Elmer Cooley.....	15	115	36	15 71	53 85	11 80	4 59	8 00	4 29	2 10	2 60	.....	412 09	746 56	3,000 00	2 00
Pana	O. C. King.....	18	200	1 50	.....	75 00	4 50	5 71	6 30	.....	5 00	4 21	.....	461 55	1,072 57	7,000 00	.....
Pawnee	Julian Marshall.....	6	50	.....	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	269 00	4,000 00	.....
Pleasant Plains.....	Chas. S. Boynton.....	8	35	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	249 49	3,500 00	1 00
Riverside.....	E. C. Gayman	17	124	63	50 23	80 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	128 37	1,500 00	.....
Shelbyville.....	W. Headen.....	15	120	85	50 00	70 00	57 00	35 00	42 00	45 00	.....	.....	18 00	5 00	1,060 00	7,000 00	2 00
South 7th st., Springfield	F. J. M. Moor.....	32	225	180	99 40	96 57	40 06	16 50	15 00	.....	.....	.....	24 67	48 00	1,538 43	9,500 00	2 00
Taylorville	Mrs. J. R. Smith.....	16	160	85	.....	155 17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	234 95	1,100 69	16,000 00	1 00
Zenobia	Chas. S. Rich.....	10	80	37	.....	16 32	.....	5 00	8 16	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	220 60	2,000 00	1 00
Totals.....		421	2952	2158	\$368 41	\$1926 34	\$379 13	\$295 73	\$755 90	\$82 80	\$34 85	\$39 55	\$101 27	\$6193 93	\$25,653 28	\$202595 97	\$43 85

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES
of the Springfield Baptist Association for the Year Ending July 1, 1908.

NAME OF CHURCH.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.	MEMBERS.			Local Expenses....
			Active....	Associate.	Total.....	
Auburn	Paul Hart.....	Essie Foreman	29	1	30	\$35 45
Central Springfield	Annie Willer.....	Clelia Shaeffer	40	.....	40	15 06
First Church, Decatur.....	Guy Kepler	Nondes Young	118	5	123	65 00
East Park, Decatur.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Elliott Avenue, Springfield.....	Walter Hart.....	Marie Newell.....	45	.....	45	30 00
Emmanuel.....	Roy J. Shaffer.....	Bessie Dass	13	1	14	.....
Moweauqua.....	Rosella Thomas.....	Iva Tate	30	.....	30	27 70
Morrisonville.....	.....	.....	29	.....	29	.....
Oreana.....	Emma Malone	Mrs. Rosa Ragsdale	9	3	12	20 00
Pana	Agnes Rollo.....	Grace Jehle	55	4	59	.....
Riverside, Decatur.....	George R. Oakes.....	Josephine Wheeler	46	.....	46	16 34
Shelbyville	Francis Fish.....	Bertha Hall.....	40	1	41	.....
South Seventh St., Springfield.....	Mrs. M. E. Worthington	Annette Erisman.....	40	1	41	10 00
Stonington	Dr. W. T. Bridges.....	Mrs. Clyde Bowman.....	30	.....	30	197 55
Taylorville	Arthur Locke.....	Mamie Brick.....	45	20	65	.....
		Total.....	569	36		\$417.04

Junior Statistics.

NAME OF CHURCH.	LEADER.	Active....	Sunbeams	Total	Local Expenses
Divernon.....	Minnie Wells.....	34	12	46	\$47 65
Moweauqua.....	Mrs. J. W. Reynolds.....	9	17	26	.....
Pana	Addie Hitchcock.....	15	15	30	7 00
South Seventh St., Springfield.....	Mrs. T. B. Shepley.....	28	22	50	15 00
	Total.....	86	66	152	\$89 65

PREACHERS OF THE STRAWBRIDGE ANNUAL SERMON, IN THE CENTRAL
BAPTIST CHURCH, IN SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS.

1883. REV. ADIN A. KENDRICK, President of Shurtleff College.
1884. REV. B. F. SIMPSON, Pastor Jacksonville Baptist Church.
1885. REV. B. F. PATT, Pastor Shelbyville Baptist Church.
1886. REV. W. A. THOMPSON, Springfield.
1887. REV. A. J. YOUNG, Pastor Taylorville Baptist Church.
1888. REV. GEO. B. VOSBURGH, Pastor Decatur Baptist Church.
1889. REV. O. O. FLETCHER, Pastor Central Baptist Church.
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1892. REV. CHAS. E. TORREY, Pastor Decatur Baptist Church.
1893. REV. E. B. ROGERS, Pastor Central Baptist Church.
1894. REV. E. F. VOORHIES, Pastor Jacksonville Baptist Church.
1895. REV. S. H. BOWYER, Pastor Decatur Baptist Church.
1896. REV. H. W. THIELE, Pastor Pana Baptist Church.
1897. REV. L. H. WILLIAMS, Pastor Shelbyville Baptist Church.
1898. REV. EDWIN S. WALKER, Central Baptist Church.
1899. REV. D. J. GREENWOOD, Pastor Taylorville Baptist Church.
1900. REV. J. B. ROGERS, Pastor Moweaqua Baptist Church.
1901. REV. J. J. MIDKIFF, Pastor New Stonington Baptist Church.
1902. REV. H. L. WINBURNE, Pastor Taylorville Baptist Church.
1903. REV. T. H. MARSH, Pastor Jacksonville Baptist Church.
1904. REV. E. B. ROGERS, Pastor Central Baptist Church.
1905. REV. J. B. ROGERS, Pastor South Seventh Street Baptist Church.
1906. REV. P. S. HEALD, Pastor Shelbyville Baptist Church.
1907. REV. E. B. ROGERS, Pastor Central Baptist Church.
1908. REV. EDWIN S. WALKER, Central Baptist Church.

A SERMON IN COURSE,
UPON THE
THOMAS STRAWBRIDGE FOUNDATION,
DELIVERED BY
REV. EDWIN SAWYER WALKER, A. M.,
IN THE
CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH,
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS,
ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH, 1908.

P R E L U D E.

As a full quarter of a century has elapsed since the bequest of THOMAS STRAWBRIDGE, making provision for the preaching of an Annual Sermon, became available; and this being the twenty-sixth time that such sermon has been preached, in this church, it is fitting, as a prelude, that I state some facts relating thereto, which may be unknown to many of the present, and younger members, of this congregation of today.

It is proper to state that Thomas Strawbridge was of English descent, born in the north of Ireland in 1798, and came to America 110 years ago, and to Sangamon county in the year 1823. Settling first in Springfield, he followed for a time the trade of a saddle and harness maker. After a few years he removed to and settled upon an unbroken prairie, some five miles southeast from this city, and there during the rest of his life, engaged in farm life. He died unmarried June 7, 1880, aged 82 years. Some three years before his death he executed his last will and testament, making disposition of his property, then valued at something over \$45,000.

Among his various bequests he left \$1,000 to the Springfield Baptist Association, providing that a sermon be preached annually, for all time to come, in this Central Baptist Church, upon the "Unbounded Goodness, Greatness, Mercy and Love of Jesus Christ, as the Redeemer of the World."

The first sermon preached under this foundation, was delivered in October, 1883, by the Rev. A. A. Kendrick, then President of Shurtleff College; the second was preached by the Rev. B. F. Simpson, then pastor of the Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Ill., in October, 1884. Both of those eminent and saintly men, have finished their earthly work, and entered upon the realities, which, by faith, while living, they foresaw, and in the interpretation of the word of God, they proclaimed to men.

Another of the preachers of the sermon, which was delivered eight years later, in October, 1892, the Rev. Charles E. Torrey, then pastor of the Baptist Church of Decatur, has also entered into that rest which remaineth for the people of God.

In a sermon preached by myself, ten years ago, some lessons were drawn from the life of Mr. Strawbridge. In speaking, among other things, the needs of our various charitable institutions were set forth, in the following words: "The Home for the Friendless needs today the further sum of \$25,000 to place it upon a proper footing, and render the institution adequate to meet the demands of our rapidly increasing population."

As the residuary legatee of his estate, the sum of \$22,500 was left as an endowment fund, became available, and was paid into the hands of Mr. Isaac Keys, President of the Home, Feb. 26, 1884, and has since been invested, as a permanent endowment fund, in accordance with the provisions of the will of the philanthropic donor.

At six per cent, the interest on the bequest thus made, has in twenty-eight years amounted to the sum of \$37,800, which has been continuously, and wisely, expended in the care, and training of an average of about sixty homeless, and dependent children, the number at present being seventy-two.

It is but just and proper to be said, in this presence, that although no large bequests have been made to increase the endowment of the institution, by the sum of \$25,000, as indicated by me ten years ago, as then needed—a large, commodious, elegant and substantial new building has been erected, at a cost of probably not less than \$15,000, the gift of one of our own citizens, thus meeting the pressing needs of this chiefest of our public charities, the care of "the friendless children" of our city.

I shall not, need not, name the generous benefactor^x of the children, whose bounty is bringing daily joy and happiness to brighten their young lives, never to be forgotten.

Their gratitude and love, is a richer heritage than "apples of gold in pictures of silver."

x Henry Davis.

A SERMON.
DOCTRINE AND LIFE.

TEXT.

Paul's Second letter to Timothy, First Chapter, tenth verse.

“OUR SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, WHO HATH ABOLISHED DEATH,
AND HATH BROUGHT LIFE AND IMMORTALITY TO LIGHT.”

To every thoughtful observer, it is manifest, that there is in our day, a growing disregard of the importance and authority of the doctrines of Christianity.

It has become the fashion with large classes, to denounce the creeds of the churches, as having become effete, and worn out.

Not only upon the public platform, but in many a pulpit, we hear men decrying creeds, as though they were no longer of use among liberty loving and intelligent men.

They forget that it was the doctrines of the Reformation under Martin Luther, and John Calvin, that gave it its power.

To doctrinal theology, we are today indebted for all that is most fruitful in Christian enterprise, and the amelioration of human woes, in a world like ours.

Theological systems are nothing more than the unfolded and adjusted principles of that form of government, into which, under God, we have been born, and under which we live as sentient beings.

The first truths of Christianity as set forth in the New Testament, are briefly comprehended in these—

The Sinfulness of man; Redemption; and Justification by faith in Christ as the world's Redeemer.

Every man's creed is his own interpretation of the doctrines which he has received. True of churches as well as of individuals.

To determine the piety of an individual, or of a denomination, there must be some standard of faith.

This is the only safeguard of the pulpit today.

It is true that as Baptists, we have no single formulary, everywhere accepted, from the fact of our church independency.

Yet there is no denomination more united in its faith and practice, than is ours.

Aside from all discussion of different creeds, whether they be what is known as the Apostles' Creed, or the Westminster Confession, it may be said, that the first Christians made no speeches, wrote no letters to Jews or Gentiles, in which they did not condense, with all possible accuracy, the doctrines of the facts of Christianity.

Successive generations down to our own time, have in the light of progressive learning, gradually elaborated and systematized the doctrinal teachings of the Apostles.

In his great argument upon the Girard will case, Daniel Webster, before the Supreme Court at Washington, founded that argument upon the fact that Christianity is the law of the land, in these words:

"The earliest and the most urgent intellectual want of human nature, is the knowledge of its origin, its duty, and its destiny.

Whence came I?

What am I? and

What is before me?

This is the cry of the human soul, so soon as it raises its contemplation above visible, material things.

One of the first inquiries is:

Shall I be here always?

Shall I live forever?

Man soon learns that he must die. His Maker has made him capable of learning this.

Then comes the most solemn and urgent demand for light, that ever proceeded from the profound and anxious broodings of the human soul.

If a man die, shall he live again? And that question, nothing but God, and the religion of God, can solve.

Religion does solve it, and teaches every man that he is to live again, and that the duties of this life, have reference to the life which is to come."

With advancing years, I am profoundly impressed with the thought, that here, we have no continuing city.

Ten years ago, it will be remembered, that I preached a sermon in course, upon the THOMAS STRAWBRIDGE foundation, upon "*The Uses of Wealth.*"

Of those who were here then, some are not here today.

They have gone to enter upon the life immortal.

It is another theme—

DOCTRINE AND LIFE,

which transcends all others, and calls our attention for the hour.

As I contemplate the state and conditions of our modern society, and the drift of the masses, away from the churches, I am asking myself, as every thoughtful man must.—

What is the reason of this apparent decadence of attendance upon the worship of God, and the preaching of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ?

Has the old story become out of date?

Are the doctrines made prominent in the days of the Apostles become dead issues today?

Platforms of political parties are re-constructed, every four years, to meet the exigencies of our civic development, and national life.

Not so the platform of Christianity; it is founded upon the Rock of Ages, Christ, himself, the chief corner stone.

Never to be superseded or forgotten are these—formulated in the Apostolic age—Note them well.

THE SINFULNESS OF MAN, AND HIS NEED OF A REDEEMER.

Driven from the garden of Eden, as a transgressor of the Divine law, the Lord God placed cherubim and a flaming sword to keep the way of the tree of life."

From Genesis to Malachi, the Old Testament is a record of the continued conflict between good and evil.

The best of men who ever lived, have come short of fulfilling the law of God.

Whether it be Moses, who went up from the mountain of Nebo, and God said to him "thou shalt not go over into the promised land," and buried him in the land of Moab; or David, to whom God said, "thou shalt not build a house to my name, because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in my sight."

Whether it be Peter who denied his Lord, or Judas who betrayed him; all have come short of the glory of God, except, reclaimed and saved, through the atonement of Jesus Christ.

"By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, so death passed upon all men."

We need not look back to the ancient cities of the plain, Sodom and Gomorrah, for evidence of the inherent sinfulness of human nature.

Trace human history from the early dawn of creation, down to this morning of the twentieth century.

From Sinai, the thunders of the Law of God, have come echoing down to us in this fair city of Illinois, a very garden-spot of earth, here to meet with conditions and evidences of human depravity, such as might cause angels to weep, and archangels to mourn. Our criminal, and our juvenile courts alike, demonstrate the terrible consequences of sin.

The adaptation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to raise humanity from its fallen state, to enter into the soul of the repentant,—to renew and sanctify the believer; this is what Christ commissioned his disciples to set forth, the glad tidings that "The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life for the sins of many."

To His *unbounded goodness, greatness, mercy and love*, we ascribe the opening of the way of life. Transcendant theme—worthy of an angel's tongue.

How did he abolish death?

By his life and teachings, by his death and resurrection from the dead.

Before the tragedy of Calvary, as he looked forward to that dark hour in which the earth did quake, and the veil of the temple was rent in twain, he said, "I have power to lay down my life
* * * and I have power to take it again."

From Sinai, God spake by Moses, and through a long line of prophets he hath spoken unto us, by his son.

Witness his attestation of his divine mission.

"I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me."

"And this is the will of him that sent me; that everyone which seeth the son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

Do you ask for further proofs of his divinity? Listen!

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. * * * In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth."

The goodness of God, in Jesus Christ, his Son, was manifest at creation's dawn, and when the morning stars first sang together, and shepherds of Bethlehem, announced the birth of the new born King.

We are accustomed to think of him as a man, and study his character as related to his earthly life, limited to thirty years, as "the Man of Nazareth."

It is only when we study his Sermon on the Mount, that we can fully comprehend him; not only as a human being, with "flesh and bones"—but as "the Wonderful, the Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace."

What was the key note of that sermon?

"Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." Thus the foundation of his preaching was the fact that since the transgression of Eden, all men are, by their relation to that disobedience, sinners, and that entrance into the kingdom of heaven, to life and immortality, can only be gained through repentance and faith.

To the poor in spirit, thereby a heavenly inheritance.

To them that mourn comfort was promised.

To the merciful—mercy.

To the pure in heart, "they shall see God."

What all-embracing compassion was that which was thus exhibited in the Beatitudes?

What outspoken warning was that, when he declared,

"Till heaven and earth pass, not one jot, or one tittle shall, in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled"?

Thus, doctrine was in Christ's teaching, the very foundation of his philosophy, the attestation of his divine mission.

Piercing the mists of the future, as he was inspired of God, the prophet Isaiah announced his coming and mission to mankind.

"Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? This that is glorious in his apparel—travelling in the greatness of his strength? * * * and then cometh the answer, from out the excellent glory—"I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save."

Kindling with the same spirit, inspired of God, the writer of Epistle of the Hebrews—breaks forth in sublimest strains—"God who at sundry times, and in diverse manners, spake in times past, unto the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds."

IMMORTALITY.

"For the suffering of death, he was crowned with glory and honor."

The human soul, yearning for some glimpse into the realms of the hereafter—finds no solace in the teaching of science.

Of the state and condition of departed spirits, science knows nothing, and hence can teach nothing.

It can neither affirm nor deny a future life for humanity. It is not within the bounds of the knowable to penetrate man's final destiny, by scientific analysis of his complex nature.

But as men have lived, and worked, and died, and are forgotten, yet their works survive in the buried cities of ancient civilization.

This fact proves that man does not live in vain. A chiseled stone from Nineveh, wrought three thousand years ago, proved the existence then of a living hand, directed by a living soul.

The stone was, and is, material; the soul was immaterial.

Knowing this, we may well believe that the immaterial outlives the material—if for three thousand years; then why not forever?

The sentiment of the ages has looked hopefully to the future in its conception of immortality.

But aside from Revelation, man has found the consciousness of responsibility, the strongest argument for immortality.

From Revelation confirming this responsibility, we know that we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ.

It matters little what may be the nature of the transformation that we call death.

Man is here a living soul; he will be there an undying one; and all the glorious heritage of love and sacrifice here, will be his in eternity.

As then, one by one, we depart, as hither we came alone, we take our solitary way toward the untrodden shore, we are not—will not be—left to grope in darkness, but rather with Christ as our Redeemer in his light, shall see light, as he has promised, saying:

“I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.” “I am the Resurrection and the Life.”

It has become the fashion in our time for men who seldom read the Bible, to disbelieve its divine origin and sanctions, or anything supernatural. Then there is another class who study it merely as literature, and in the exercise of what in modern parlance is termed “higher criticism,” wrest from the revealed word of God, its messages of warning—its appeals to the souls of lost sinners, and the opening of the door of hope to the believer in Jesus Christ.

From both the two classes, we turn back to the open Bible—which makes the crucified Saviour the great theme of its teachings—and here ground our faith in the divine goodness, greatness, mercy and love. What is needed by the Church today is not silver and gold, but true spiritual endowments, and a purer and simpler faith in her doctrines, the study of which is alone able to make wise unto salvation.

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

AMEN, AND AMEN.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be called **THE SPRINGFIELD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**, and shall be composed of such Baptist Churches, as enjoy the fellowship of their sister churches, of the Baptist denomination. The object of this Association is to promote the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ, at home and abroad, and by correspondence and co-operation with other Associations and Missionary organizations connected with the Baptist denomination strive to upbuild the Redeemer's Kingdom among men.

ART. II. Every church composed of a less number than twenty shall be entitled to two messengers, and an additional messenger for every twenty members.

ART. III. This Association shall meet annually on the first Wednesday in September, at 10 o'clock a. m., commence its session with public worship and continue in session two days.

ART. IV. A Moderator and a Clerk shall be chosen by ballot at each session of the Association, who will continue in office until others are elected to supply their places. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside, and lead in all transactions of the Association, and to see that due order and decorum are observed by all the members. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to make a full and impartial record of all the doings of the Association during the session, and furnish a correct copy of the same for publication. Three Trustees shall be chosen by ballot, who shall manage and control and hold in trust all such funds as may have been, or may hereafter be bequeathed to the Springfield Baptist Association, according to the provision of such bequests. Said Trustees, at the first election, shall be elected to serve for three years, after which time, one of said Trustees shall be elected to serve for one year, one for two years and one for three years, and thereafter only one shall be elected annually, to serve for three years, except to fill a vacancy.

ART. V. A Treasurer shall be chosen every year, whose duty it shall be to receive and safely keep all the monies belonging to this body, and pay them out only as directed by this body (unless otherwise specified by the donor,) and transmit to his successor in office the books, together with the monies remaining in his hands, at the expiration of his term of office.

ART. VI. Each church represented shall send with its Messengers, a letter, giving an account of its progress during the past year; its additions, diminutions, and whole number; what it is doing for the cause of Christ at home and abroad; and in short, whatever relates to its prosperity and peace as a church of Jesus Christ.

Each church is expected to contribute and forward money for the the printing of Minutes, the amount to equal one and a half cents per member, of such church.

ART. VII. Any church wishing to unite with this Association, applying by letter and delegates, may be received by giving satisfactory information that it is sound in doctrine and correct in in practice, on the reception of which the Moderator shall give one of its delegates the right hand of fellowship on behalf of the body.

ART. VIII. When a church shall neglect to make any communication with this Association for three years in succession, it may be dropped from the Minutes, unless its continuance is requested by at least two members, who shall engage to inquire into its condition, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ART. IX. The Association can exercise no authority or jurisdiction over the churches, each one of which is an independent body; nevertheless, the Association shall have the power to refuse any church a seat in this body which shall prove unworthy of its fellowship.

ART. X. The Association shall have power to hold correspondence with other Associations as may be expedient.

ART. XI. This Constitution may be amended at any Annual Meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, provided notice shall have been given of the proposed amendment at a previous Annual Meeting.

BY-LAWS.

1. Every meeting of the Association shall be closed with prayer.
2. No question shall be discussed until it is regularly moved and seconded.
3. No member of the Association shall speak on any question more than twice or more than ten minutes, without special leave of the Moderator.
4. Every member speaking shall address himself to the Moderator; shall avoid all improper personalities, and shall confine himself to the question before the Association.
5. Ministers, and others, invited to take a seat with us, may take part in discussing all questions, but vote on none.
6. No member shall leave the Association without leave of the Moderator.
7. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to appoint all Committees, unless it be otherwise ordered at the time.
8. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and it shall be put without debate.
9. These Rules shall be read at the opening of every Annual Meeting of the Association.

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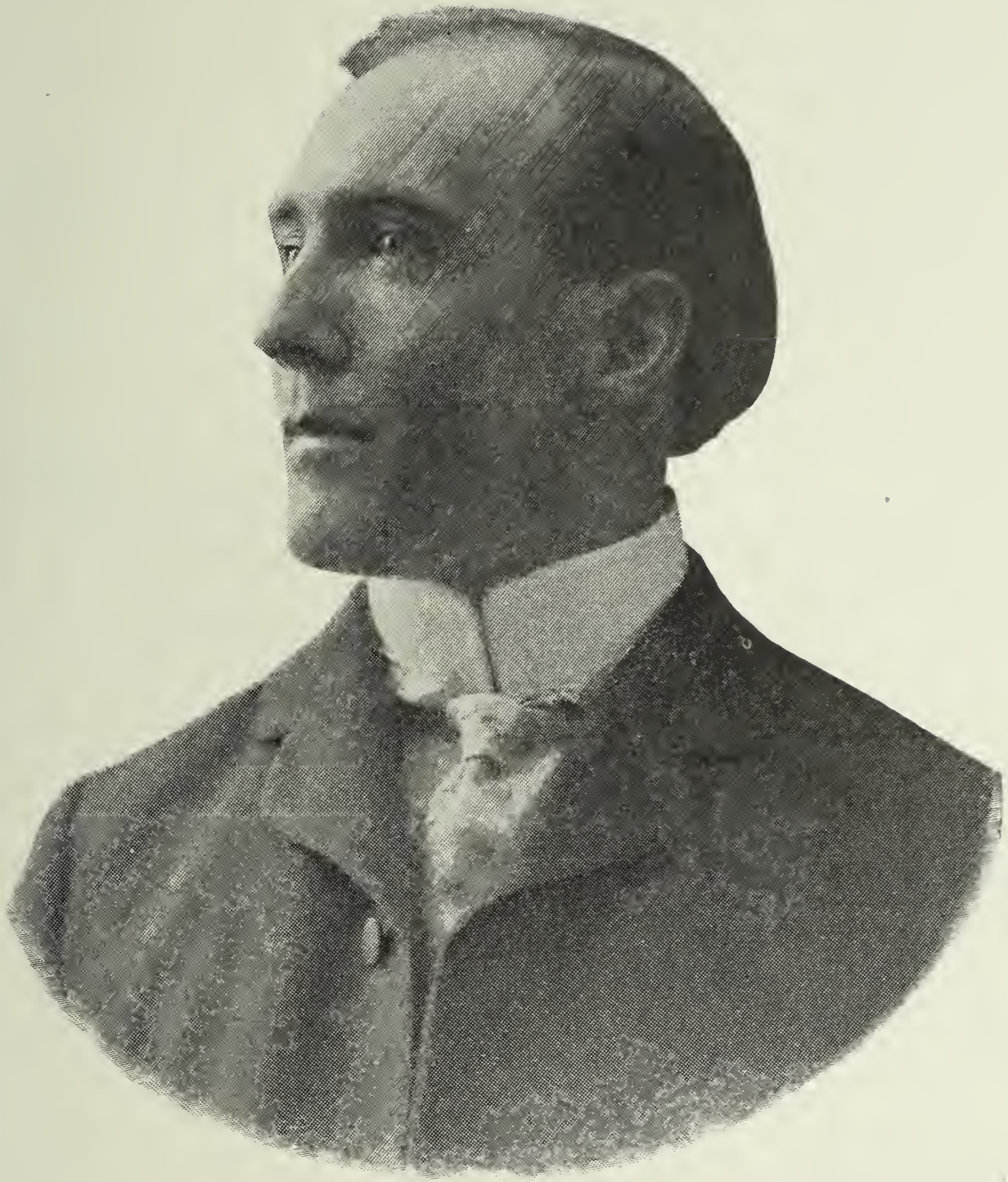
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REV. F. A. REISNER,
Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Taylorville, Ill.

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Clerk, Rev. John C. Ellinwood, Springfield.

Treasurer, Hon. Owen Scott, Decatur.

Trustees, Rev. Edwin S. Walker, Edward D. Keys, M. B. Leach.

Preacher of Annual Sermon, Next Session

Rev. E. M. Ryan, Assumption.

Baptist Young People's Union

President, Rev. James A. Carwile, Oreana.

Vice President, Rev. R. H. Claxon, Morrisonville.

Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Rosella Thomas, Moweaqua.

Junior Leader, Mrs. Thomas Shepley, Springfield.

Home and Foreign Missions

Rev. S. H. Bowyer, D. D.

Rev. H. O. Tribbe.

Rev. James A. Carwile.

State Missions

Rev. J. N. Edmondson.

Rev. G. E. Milford.

Rev. Edward Benden.

Associational Missions

Rev. J. N. Edmondson.

Rev. J. M. Lively.

R. J. Kellogg.

H. C. Bower.

Rev. F. A. Reisner.

PASTORAL UNION

The Pastoral Union of the Springfield Baptist Association convened with the First Baptist Church at Taylorville, Tuesday evening, September 6, 1910. Rev. G. W. Claxon, of Shelbyville, presiding.

The Devotional Exercises were in charge of Rev. Edward Benden, of Springfield.

The following Committee on Nominations was announced by the President: Rev. J. M. Wood, Rev. Edward Benden, J. B. Owens.

The ordination of Brother Richard Sloman, a member of the Zenobia Baptist Church (whose examination as to his fitness for the Gospel Ministry took place this afternoon) was next in order and proceeded as follows:

Singing; Ordination Sermon delivered by Rev. R. H. Claxon, of Morrisonville; Ordaining Prayer, by Rev. E. M. Ryan, of Assumption; The Presentation of Scriptures, by Rev. F. A. Reisner, of Taylorville; The Hand of Fellowship, by Rev. J. F. Mills, D. D., of Decatur; The Charge to the Candidate, by Rev. J. M. Lively, of Decatur; The Charge to the Church, by Rev. G. W. Claxon, of Shelbyville.

The Committee on Nominations reported for President, Rev. E. M. Ryan, of Assumption; Secretary, Rev. John C. Ellinwood, of Springfield; Preacher of Introductory Sermon next Session, Rev. J. F. Mills, D. D., of Decatur.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was adopted and these brethren were declared elected officers of the Pastoral Union for the ensuing year.

Adjournment; benediction pronounced by Rev. Richard Sloman, of Zenobia.

E. M. RYAN, *President*,
JOHN C. ELLINWOOD, *Secretary*.

ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY MORNING

September Seventh

The Springfield Baptist Association convened with the First Baptist Church at Taylorville, Illinois, and Rev. G. W. Claxon, of Shelbyville, as Moderator. The Devotional Exercises were conducted by Rev. H. O. Tribbe, of Divernon. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. N. Edmondson, of Moweaqua.

A motion prevailed that the program be approved with necessary changes.

The By-laws were read by the Moderator.

A Committee on Nominations was named as follows: Rev. J. M. Lively, S. E. Cushing, W. W. Messick.

A Committee on New Churches: Rev. H. J. Wheeler, Rev. E. M. Ryan, H. C. Bower.

A Committee on Enrollment: Rev. W. J. Moore, Rev. J. M. Wood, Harry Armstrong.

The following new pastors were formally introduced to the Association by the Moderator: H. J. Wheeler, A. Reisner, H. O. Tribbe, W. J. Moore, R. H. Claxon, Edward Benden, John C. Ellinwood, J. F. Mills, E. M. Ryan, J. M. Wood, Harry Armstrong.

The Address of Welcome was given by Rev. F. A. Reisner, pastor of the Entertaining Church.

The Response by Rev. H. J. Wheeler, of Stonington.

The Annual Sermon was delivered by Rev. S. H. Bowyer, D. D., of Springfield, who chose for his text the first part of Rev. 2:7: "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the Churches." Dr. Bowyer said in part: "The Spirit should be a guide and the best way to be led is by continual prayer. The Father sent the Son to reveal the will of the Father. The Spirit interprets the will of the Father to us. The Spirit will make us witnesses today, like Paul of old who wrote, 'I know whom I have believed.' The reason why men drift away is because they refuse to be led. The great Unitarian body has lost six thousand in membership while our Baptist denomination has gained one million six hundred thousand. The Holy Spirit to my mind occupies the position of 'mother.' The Holy Spirit is declared to know our work, our sacrifice, and all things; therefore let us feel and know that the Holy Spirit will correct us and make us better."

The Committee on Nominations reported for Moderator, Rev. H. J. Wheeler, of Stonington. Clerk, Rev. John C. Ellinwood, of Springfield. Treasurer, Hon. Owen Scott, of Decatur. Trustee (to succeed himself), Rev. Edwin S. Walker, of Springfield.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was adopted and these brethren declared elected as officers of the Springfield Baptist Association for the ensuing year.

The Moderator-elect was introduced by the retiring Moderator.

The Clerk-elect was assisted in the reading of the Church letters by Rev. J. M. Lively and Rev. H. O. Tribbe.

At noon the Association adjourned until the afternoon session.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

September Seventh

The Devotional Exercises were conducted by Rev. J. M. Wood of Decatur.

The reading of the Church letters was resumed.

The following committees were named:

Committee on Resolutions—S. H. Bowyer, J. N. Edmondson, J. J. Midkiff.

Committee on Place and Preacher of Next Session—G. E. Milford, H. O. Tribbe, J. C. Howell.

Committee on Sunday Schools—J. Irving Owen, D. Adamson, W. A. Fuson.

Committee on B. Y. P. U.—R. H. Claxon, J. F. Mills, G. W. Claxon.

A written report of the Treasurer was read by the Clerk as follows:

1909.		RECEIPTS.	
Sept.	1	To balance received from J. O. Raines, ex-Treas....	\$ 12 42
	2	To cash B. Y. P. U. collection	4 06
	2	To cash received from J. J. Midkiff, Financial Secretary, funds for Minutes of Association	41 20
	7	To check Central Springfield Church	10 00
	10	To check Shelbyville Church	2 00
Dec.	24	To cash Strawbridge fund, interest	60 00
Total receipts			\$129 68

1909.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
Sept.	3	By paid Rev. N. O. Patterson, for printing programs, stationery, postage, etc	\$ 6 65
Nov.	2	By paid Hostetter Printing Company for printing 1,000 copies of Association Minutes	40 00
	2	By paid J. A. Carwile, express, etc.	5 87
	2	By paid J. A. Carwile, for services as Clerk of the Association	17 16
Oct.	11	By paid Rev. G. W. Claxon, preaching "Strawbridge" annual sermon	25 00
1910.			
Jan.	3	By paid J. A. Carwile, for services as Clerk of Association, balance on salary	7 84
Aug.	2	By paid J. A. Carwile, for services as Clerk of Association	1 34
	19	By paid J. A. Carwile, printing of programs, postage, etc.	7 50
Sept.	1	By balance amount on hand	18 32
Total disbursements			\$129 68

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. BRIDGES,

Treasurer Springfield Baptist Association.

Approval deferred until later in session.

Rev. A. Madison of Kewanee was allowed five minutes to set forth his work among his own race and the needs of the colored people at Kewanee.

Prayer by Rev. J. N. Edmondson of Moweaqua.

Adjournment for Woman's Session.

WOMAN'S SESSION

Wednesday Afternoon

Mrs. G. W. Claxon presiding.

Miss Gertrude Miller of Bloomington, Illinois, now home on furlough from the Home Mission Work in Cuba, told very interestingly of her work.

Mrs. Grace Goodspeed Van Zant of Chicago gave an address on Foreign Mission Work, presenting the close relation between the Home and the Foreign field.

The Woman's Session was concluded on Thursday morning, September 8th, by the election of the following officers:

President Home and Foreign Mission Work—Mrs. G. W. Claxon, of Shelbyville.

Vice President—Miss Florence Patterson, of Decatur.

Secretary—Mrs. J. E. Willis, of Decatur.

Home Mission Directoress—Mrs. John E. George, of Taylorville.

Foreign Mission and Associational Secretary—Miss Ella Chapman, of Stonington.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

September Seventh--Brotherhood Meeting

Hon. Owen Scott, of Decatur, gave an address upon the subject: "The Brotherhood Movement in the Church," and said in part: "We all love strength. There is strength in organization. Our religion in the past has been considered a woman's work. The ladies have their organizations. The call to the Civil war was to service and to sacrifice. The only waste material in our churches in the past has been the men. This is a day when we are using by-products. The seed of cotton was a waste a few years ago; but now it is a valuable commodity. Mr. Pierce says that owing to our Brotherhood Movement there are 500,000 more men; and that 250,000 women have followed the men into our Sunday Schools. The Brotherhood recognizes the manhood of the minister and the priesthood of the laymen. The movement of men today is towards the Church. The Brotherhood reaches into commercial and civic life and it carries men toward economic dollars. Man, without a vision is good for nothing. We need men in our Sunday Schools to keep the boys. Men must rely more upon the teachings of the lowly Nazarene!"

Hon. E. L. Chapin, of Springfield, was the next speaker who had for a subject: "Christian Men in Politics," and said in part: "Patriotism is the love of the community in which we live. We will be willing to fight; yes, and put up money to see the community progress. In 1861 some one tried to tear the stars from our flag and men were willing to fight for the maintenance of our flag. We are not here to die for our country; but we are here to live for it. 'Lovest Thou Me more than these?' What are *these*?"

Politics. We have two great parties and you cannot tell me why there should be any loving of party in municipal elections. "Lovest thou Me, more than these?" What are *these*?

Money. Anything that comes between us and our country's welfare. Christianity means that the Church shall stand for citizenship."

Ernest A. Scrogin, Legislative Attorney for the Anti-Saloon League addressed the Association and had for a subject: "Anti-Saloon League Work." Mr. Scrogin told of the organization seventeen years ago of the Anti-Saloon League and how that now on account of it, there are 30,000 fewer saloons in the country. Missouri, Texas, Florida and Idaho are for State Wide Prohibition. We fought for nine years before we could get Legislative action and that was the Township Local Option. Township Local Option was never intended for a finality, and now we are fighting for county option and if we get it, it will mean that 90 per cent of the counties of Illinois will go dry. Brethren do your part at the primaries the 15th inst."

Adjournment until tomorrow morning.

THURSDAY MORNING

September Eighth

Devotional Exercises were in charge of Rev. J. O. Guthrie, of Muskogee, Okla.

A motion prevailed that the report of Treasurer as read by the Clerk be approved.

The following Standing Committees were read by the Moderator:

Committee on Home and Foreign Missions—S. H. Bowyer, James A. Carwile, H. O. Tribbe.

Committee on State Missions—J. N. Edmondson, G. E. Milford, Edward Benden.

Committee on Associational Missions—J. N. Edmondson, J. M. Lively, R. J. Kellogg, H. C. Bower, F. A. Reisner.

Committee on Christian Stewardship—J. M. Wood, Harry Armstrong, W. J. Moore.

Committee on Program—J. N. Edmondson, John C. Ellinwood, J. F. Mills, Mrs. G. W. Claxon.

A sermon was delivered by Rev. J. F. Mills, D. D., of Decatur, who chose for his text Acts, 1:8: "Ye shall be my witnesses," etc. and said in part: "Mohammedanism is propagated in this world largely by force; while Christianity is carried forward by love. Every dollar invested in missions has been a good commercial investment. Modern nations with all their history have back of them as a foundation, Christian Missions. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is fitted for mankind in all ages. Men have endeavored to get a language suited to all peoples and have not yet succeeded; but there is a language of *love* that can be understood by all nationalities. We need to go home and pray that the Lord will send forth laborers into the harvest. Not alone into the Foreign land; but also into the Homeland."

Rev. S. H. Bowyer, D. D., of Springfield, occupied the floor for a few minutes in giving a brief verbal report of Home and Foreign Mission Work in this State.

Discussions and addresses followed on "Christian Education." Some advocating that Baptist students should attend Baptist Schools while others maintained that we as a denomination should be willing to compete with other denominations in equipment and location of schools and colleges. The speakers were Rev. J. F. Howard, of Litchfield; Rev. R. H. Claxon, of Morrisonville; Rev. S. H. Bowyer, D. D., of Springfield; Rev.

J. J. Midkiff, of Stonington; Rev. J. N. Edmondson, of Moweaqua; Rev. J. M. Lively, of Decatur; Rev. W. J. Moore, of Farmersville; Rev. N. O. Patterson, of Decatur

Prayer by Rev. E. P. Brand, D. D., of Normal.

Adjournment until afternoon session.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

September Eighth--Sunday School Session

Devotional Exercises led by Rev. E. M. Ryan, of Assumption.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools: "We your Sunday School Committee would respectfully submit the following: A careful survey of our field and forces reveals the fact that a much higher degree of efficiency in our Baptist Sunday School Work is possible. Graded schools, graded lessons, teachers training and teaching of missions are needing emphasis if we are to keep pace with modern standards. New schools in needy communities should be organized. In order that this may be efficiently carried forward the local association must be organized. We, therefore, recommend that a Sunday School Department of this Association be created to be under the direction of a commission of three interested and competent persons appointed by the Association. The first named shall be superintendent of the commission. The duty of this commission shall be to have a general oversight of Sunday School work in the Association. The Associational Superintendent shall be *ex-officio* a member of the program committee of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. RYAN,

W. B. MORRIS,

Committee.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools was duly adopted.

Rev. W. B. Morris, of Bloomington, Ill., State Sunday School Missionary spoke briefly regarding Sunday School Work and developed three points, viz.: Organization, Education, and Evangelization.

Report of Committee on Associational Missions

"We, your committee appointed by the Association last year to conduct a campaign of Mission work in the Springfield Baptist Association beg to report as follows:

A conference was held by representatives from several of the Churches at the Riverside Church, September 24th of last year and after a full and free discussion of the field, the needs, and the men, your board in conference with about twenty other interested members, elected Rev. N. O. Patterson then of Stonington to take the field as our missionary. Rev. Patterson entered upon his work November 1, 1909, and has continued the work under direction of said board until September 7th, of this year. The board fixed the salary at \$1,500 per year with necessary expenses allowed. The work has been honored and the wisdom of the Association

in placing a missionary in the field. Rev. Patterson has labored faithfully and his work has been blessed of God. The Churches have responded, in the main, very liberally, and contributions from individuals, Churches, and societies, etc., place emphasis upon the esteem in which the work has been held and some twenty of the twenty-seven Churches in the Association have contributed to the work ranging from \$195.00 down to \$5.00, but in spite of the liberal responses from many of the Churches, your board finds itself facing a deficit of \$466.24. One hundred and twenty-six dollars and twenty-five cents is now due our missionary and must be arranged for at once. Four hundred and fifty dollars was borrowed of the Millikin Bank, Decatur, and your board personally is responsible for one hundred and fifty dollars. To meet this deficit your board recommends that the Moderator appoint a Committee to apportion this deficit to the contributing and non-contributing Churches of this Association to report at this session. The movement of the Springfield Association in placing a missionary in the field has resulted in adding another missionary to our State Convention force. Should it meet with the approval of the Association your board will terminate its tenure of office with this associational year. It has been arranged to turn our missionary over to the State Convention Board and the work of Associational Missions hereafter will be conducted by the State Convention Board. It is understood by your board that one member of the Springfield Association Committee on Missions shall be elected or retained to co-operate with one member of Bloomington and Bloomfield Association Committee, and all to co-operate with the State Convention Board in prosecuting the work of missions on the enlarged field. Should this plan prevail; the office of the present committee will terminate with this session of the Association.

The board further desires to express thanks to the Churches who have so liberally contributed to the work of Associational Missions the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Report unsigned; the Committee however were:

N. O. PATTERSON,
J. M. LIVELY,
H. C. BOWER,
R. J. KELLOGG.

Report of Associational Missionary

To the Officers and Members of the Springfield Baptist Association:

GREETING. Dear Brethren—Through the kind providence of our heavenly Father, I am permitted to submit this, my first annual report, as missionary of the Association. I have labored ten and a quarter months. I began November 1st. My first work was with the Edinburg Church. I held a ten days meeting there the last of October before the close of my pastorate at Stonington, which resulted in five professions and three approved for baptism. I found the Church greatly discouraged and the building badly out of repair. With the beginning of November I went to Zenobia and held a meeting for a little over two weeks which resulted in 18 professions and 16 baptisms and one addition on experience. During the meetings there I visited the Pawnee field and found the work there in a deplorable condition. The congregation reduced to a small handful, and the house threatened with foreclosure on a mortgaged indebtedness on which not even one cent of interest had been paid for

three years. I went there to hold a meeting following the work at Zenobia but at the end of the first week, on account of exposure, went down with an attack of La Grippe. My daughter came to me and I remained on the field, directing the work from my room. Brother Finley, of Auburn rendered some assistance, and at the end of the second week Rev. H. H. Allen, of Wisconsin, with whom I had been in correspondence, came and took up the work. No immediate results, in the way of conversions were accomplished. I moved on to Chatham and preached there for ten days. Bro. S. D. McKenney, a former pastor, came and I was relieved, and went immediately to Edinburg, where a union meeting, conducted by Evangelist E. J. Forsythe was drawing to a close. The meetings at Chatham closed without immediate results. The union meetings at Edinburg swept the town and I succeeded in baptizing 26 including the three received from the October meetings, who were left without baptism when the pastor, Rev. H. D. Morwood left the field. Five were also received here on experience. I immediately undertook the work of repairing and remodeling the house, and gave much personal attention to the work until its completion in June. The cost of the work was about \$1,250.00 all of which was provided for on the day of re-opening. I assisted in a series of meetings at Moweaqua in March which resulted in some 12 conversions and as many baptisms. At the completion of the work of remodeling the building at Edinburg, I went back to Pawnee, solicited funds on the field with which to adjust their indebtedness. I succeeded in raising enough to pay off a note of \$129.00. Immediately began a series of tent meetings, assisted during the first week by Brother Edmondson, of Moweaqua, who rendered able service. Also, our State Secretary came one night. The meetings were constantly interrupted by the constant down-pour of rain, but continued at intervals for over two weeks, resulting in some 8 professions and 3 baptisms. During the early spring the Central Church, Springfield, arranged, through its pastor, to have us hold a series of tent meetings with one of their missions. Also we made an effort, at the suggestion of Dr. Mills, endorsed by the associational committee and the pastor, Rev. J. M. Wood, to hold a series with the East Park Church, Decatur. Both of these meetings however, were called off later for reasons that need not be stated here. This somewhat disarranged our summer campaign, but your missionary gave attention to the finances, and finally closed the evangelistic campaign of the year with a series of tent meetings at Bell Prairie, which continued two weeks, at intervals, between rain and storm, and closed last Sunday night without visible results. Conditions there were such that it required much hard work to overcome, and the time was too short to accomplish immediate results.

Your missionary also gave much time and attention to the work of locating pastors with our many pastorless Churches. We began the year with fourteen pastorless Churches. During the year 21 of our Churches, including those pastorless at the beginning of the year, changed pastors. In many cases pastors were secured through the efforts of your missionary, and several of our good men, who were seeking a change, were held in the Association through the quick work of your missionary. We feel justified in calling special attention to the excellent work done along that line at Farmersville. I made an effort to unite two Churches in the support of a pastor. Just when we were about to succeed in securing a man for the field, the plan was defeated. The Farmersville Church called

the man for full time and now they are engaged in the erection of a parsonage, and are here to tell their own story of the great step in the advance in their work there under Rev. W. J. Moore. (Note increase in salary, etc.)

Going back to the Pawnee field, the pastor left the field at the close of the tent meetings in June. The field now, including Zenobia Church, is without a pastor. Pawnee is in a critical condition, financially. They have a mortgaged indebtedness of \$1,700.00 on which interest for three years is due. Also a note for \$225.00 signed by two of its members. Conditions there are such that this financial burden cannot be met by the field. The field is an important one for our denomination, but if it is to be saved, financial help must come from other sources, and come soon. The splendid Church at Zenobia has, through one of its members, offered \$100.00 on condition that the whole amount be raised. The Home Mission Society will evidently take care of the last \$1,000.00 if we can raise the balance. If it is done, it must be done largely outside of the Pawnee field.

Edinburg is now in good shape. The intellectual character of the town, and the Baptist people there, demands a good man for pastor of the Baptist Church. We have not yet succeeded in finding the man. At the close of the associational year we have 6 pastorless Churches. Edinburg, Zenobia, Pawnee, Bois d' Arc, Auburn and Chatham. During the year I have visited all the Churches in the Association except Loami and Pleasant Plains and New Berlin. I also visited the Regular Baptist Church at Old Salem, five miles southwest of Decatur and found that they have a good country Church-house, but have had no services for over two years. This Church belongs to the Shelbyville Association and occupies an important country field, and ought to be resurrected and brought into active fellowship with our denominational work. Special attention ought to be given to this field in the very near future.

During the year I have traveled 6,652 miles; preached 156 sermons; attended 125 meetings; made 415 house to house visits; wrote 290 letters; baptized 67; received 6 on experience and witnessed 74 conversions. The bulk of the finances, which will come out in the treasurer's report, have passed through my hands. My incidental expenses for the year, including railroad, horse hire, boarding, lodging, telephone, freight and express, and all other expenses are \$195.95. The number of miles traveled and the excess in expense account is accounted for by the fact that your missionary had to do the greater part of the money getting by personal, house to house, and office to office solicitation. Thus making it necessary for him to travel much and pay for meals and lodging when thus engaged. The amount of salary for the time served is \$1,281.25. Of this amount, I have received :1,175.00. Leaving a balance due me of \$106.25.

The year has been one of prospecting and education. I find a large tendency, in many of our Churches to emphasize a certain conception of Baptist polity which results, in its practical application, of frequent change of pastors, and the gradual decline of the cause. We must find a method of working out New Testament polity that will render the failure of a Baptist Church impossible. I find also that, in much of our mission work, "distance lends enchantment to the view." We need a conception of missions that will not do less for our foreign work, but in its recognition of the fact that the development of the local means the enlargement of our resources for world-wide missions, and the right conception of our larger Churches that will secure a healthy co-operation, thus fulfilling the injunction of the apostle, "Bear ye one anothers' burdens, and so fulfill

the law of Christ," and that will render impossible the failure of a Baptist Church, because of limited financial resources, under the shadow of a number of strong, wealthy Baptist Churches. I find no precedent in the New Testament for the working out of a polity or policy that will keep a pastor corresponding three months in the year with pastorless Churches with a view to a change. Neither do I find any justification for the neglect of our weaker Churches on the part of the stronger. Neither do I find any justification for the assertion of Church independence that makes it impossible for other Churches and brethren to render needed assistance.

In conclusion there are two points in the Association that ought to receive first attention the coming year, viz.: Pawnee and Old Salem. The financial burden at Pawnee must be lifted by June next, if that property is to be saved to the denomination. Old Salem offers an excellent opportunity for the development of a good country Church. It is so near the city of Decatur that it will be a constant feeder of the Churches there and will continue to hold a field long occupied by Baptists, but now practically surrendered to others.

In the main, I have enjoyed the hearty co-operation of the brethren and Churches of the Association during the year, for which I desire to express my highest appreciation. Also, I desire to recognize, in this public way the efficiency of your local committee in directing the work, and their hearty sympathy and support for the missionary.

As you know, I have accepted the general work for another year, with enlarged territory, but carrying with it the local feature. I earnestly crave the continuation of your sympathy, prayers and co-operation. Brethren, if we believe what we claim we do, that the denomination with which we are identified holds the truth pure and undefiled, then, our obligation to give that truth to a lost world, a part of which is included within the bounds of the Springfield Association, is at once apparent. Let us seek to develop that bond of sympathy, and that spirit of co-operation that will make of us an effective force in the spread of the gospel, the strengthening of our Churches, and the developing of our local resources for world-wide missions.

Respectfully submitted,
N. O. PATTERSON.

Report of Committee on State Missions

Report of Committee on State Missions read by Rev. E. P. Brand, D. D.: The Illinois Baptist State Convention is the medium through which our Churches have done mission within the State of Illinois for the last sixty-five years. As a result of this work during this more than three score of years directly or indirectly is the existence of more than 400 Churches of the 1,250 Baptist Churches in this State.

The Board is supporting this year in whole or in part about forty missionaries. Four new State Mission Meeting houses have been dedicated during the past year, one other will be dedicated this fall and another will be erected soon. The Convention never did a more aggressive and helpful work than during the past year. Arrangements have already been made for six general workers in the State for next year, and still larger work is being planned, if the finances at the close of the year will warrant.

We recommend to all our Churches the hearty support of the State Convention and that a strong effort be made by all our Churches to raise its budget apportionment for State Missions.

Respectfully submitted.

J. N. EDMONDSON.

Rev. E. P. Brand spoke of the State Convention in connection with two phases of work, viz.: The establishment of new Churches, and the resurrection of old and decrepit Churches.

A motion prevailed that report of Associational Missionary be approved.

The report of Committee on State Missions was adopted.

The report of Associational Treasurer was read as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Assumption	\$ 50 00
Auburn	1 35
New Berlin	25 00
Bois D' Arc	9 50
Chatham	13 22
Decatur, First	10 60
Divernon	47 00
Edinburg	109 00
Farmersville	34 00
Immanuel	15 00
Morrisonville	12 05
Moweaqua	135 20
New Stonington	55 85
Old Stonington	11 50
Oreana	195 47
Pawnee	20 43
Decatur, Riverside	25 00
Shelbyville	21 00
Taylorville	81 00
Zenobia	145 00
Offering Riverside Conference	4 39
J. W. Brown	10 00
N. O. Patterson	1 00
Receipts	\$1,041 56
To deficit to balance account	466 24
Total receipts	\$1,507 80

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Rev. N. O. Patterson, incidental expenses	\$ 226 55
Salary for ten and one-quarter months, Rev. N. O. Patterson...	1,281 25

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. BOWER,

Associational Treasurer.

Motion prevailed that report of Associational Missions be adopted.

Report of Committee on Place and Preacher of Annual Sermon as follows: "Your committee recommends that Moweaqua be selected as the

place of the next meeting of this Association, and that Rev. E. M. Ryan be the preacher of the annual sermon, with Rev. James A. Carwile as alternate.

Respectfully submitted,
G. E. MILFORD,
H. O. TRIBBE,
J. C. HOWELL,

Committee.

Report of Board of Trustees. No report submitted.

The following committee was named to confer with Board of Trustees in appointing preacher of sermon for 1912: S. H. Bowyer, G. W. Claxon, H. M. Wood.

A motion prevailed that loose collection received Wednesday evening, amounting to \$7.04 be turned over to Rev. A. Madison, (colored), of Kewanee, to assist him in his work.

Motion prevailed that all surplus money in hands of Trustees be turned over to Committee on Associational Missions if according to regulations.

Report of Committee on Resolutions

Resolved—First, that we extend our thanks to the First Baptist Church of Taylorville for her splendid entertainment of the Springfield Baptist Association. Approved.

Resolved—Second, that we thank all those who took part in the program of this Association for their faithfulness in helping to make this one of the best Associational Meetings ever held. Approved.

Resolved—Third, that we recommend the heartiest support and co-operation with the Superintendent of State Missions in Associational and State Mission work. Approved.

Resolved—Fourth, that the ministers of the Springfield Baptist Association meet quarterly for the discussion of important matters pertaining to Associational and State work. Approved.

Resolved—Fifth, that we commend to the Churches the wisdom of supporting our Baptist Orphanages and that each Pastor and Sunday School Superintendent be urged to adopt some plan for sending substantial aid to one or both of these institutions at least once each year, and we further recommend the election of one member of the Huddleson Baptist Orphanage Corporation as provided by its constitution. Approved.

W. A. Fuson was duly elected member of Corporation Board of Huddleson Home.

Resolved—Sixth, that we affirm our hearty support of the Anti-Saloon League, that we express our thorough confidence in the loyalty, integrity, honesty and devoted interest of Rev. James K. Shields and his co-workers in the work of abolishing the Saloon, and that we are not in sympathy with the efforts of U. G. Robinson of the National Issue in his attack upon the Anti-Saloon League. Approved.

Resolved—Seventh, that we appoint a committee of five to select some suitable place for a Summer Assembly and have same under control of Association. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,
F. A. REISNER,
J. N. EDMONDSON,
J. J. MIDKIFF,

Committee.

The committee named are as follows: F. A. Reisner, S. H. Bowyer, J. F. Mills, J. A. Carwile, to select place for Summer Assembly.

Rev. A. C. Kelly of the Huddleson Baptist Orphanage, Irvington, Illinois, gave a brief description of the Orphanage.

Report of Committee on Associational Apportionment as to liquidating indebtedness read and approved.

Motion prevailed that the Clerk of the Association receive a salary of twenty-five dollars for his services, and that he have printed 1,000 copies of the Minutes.

Motion prevailed that delegates attending Associational Meetings hereafter expect only lodging and breakfast from entertaining Church.

Report on Christian Stewardship

Report on Christian Stewardship: Christian Stewardship implies God's ownership of all that comes into our possession. This is Scriptural for we are taught that "We are bought with a price." We belong to God, and if this be true then all that we possess certainly belongs to him. It is the sense of your committee that every pastor should urge upon every member of every Church to regularly contribute one-tenth of their income into the treasury of the Lord.

We also urge upon the pastors that they preach regularly upon different departments of our denominational work and where possible to do so; that Mission Classes be organized under the leadership of the pastor and that regular campaigns of educational work along these lines be put into operation.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. WOOD,

W. J. MOORE,

HARRY ARMSTRONG,

Committee.

Approved.

Report of Committee on Enrollment

Your committee respectfully reports that there are enrolled 152; and that 141 are delegates exclusive of the delegates from the Taylorville Church, and that there are 11 visitors. Approved.

Adjournment.

H. J. WHEELER, *Moderator.*

JOHN C. ELLINWOOD, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY EVENING

September Ninth--Baptist Young Peoples' Union Session

Devotional Exercises were conducted by Rev. John C. Ellinwood, of Springfield.

Rev. N. O. Patterson, of Decatur, presiding.

A Nominating Committee was appointed by the President, as follows: Rev. G. W. Claxon, of Shelbyville; Mrs. John E. George and Mrs. Breckenridge, of Taylorville.

Verbal reports were given from nine unions of the Association.

The Junior Superintendent, Mrs. Thomas B. Shepley, of Springfield, gave an interesting report of the Junior work.

The address of the evening was given by Rev. E. B. Rogers, D. D., of Champaign, upon the theme "The Twentieth Century Church." Dr. Rogers said in part: "Criticism of the Church may be true or not, but the world owes more to the Church than it can ever repay. What is the beauty of the Christian Church today? It is where the Church is inspirational, where it is a performer, where it is doing things. The Church must stand for social justice between capital and labor, between employer and employee. The Church must maintain a high standard of morality. The Church must be democratic today. The great word of the 19th century was "evolution," but the great word and keynote of the 20th century is "redemption."

The Nominating Committee made their report, for—

President—Rev. James A. Carwile, of Oreana.

Vice President—Rev. R. H. Claxon, of Morrisonville.

Secretary and Treasurer—Miss Rosella Thomas, of Moweaqua.

Junior Superintendent—Mrs. Thomas B. Shepley, of Springfield.

The closing service consisted of hand shaking and singing, conducted by Rev. J. N. Edmondson, of Moweaqua.

Adjournment.

ROSELLA THOMAS,

Secretary of Association B. Y. P. U.

SYNOPSIS OF CHURCH LETTERS

ASSUMPTION—During the winter we were pastorless, with only an occasional supply. Rev. N. O. Patterson, our Associational Missionary held meeting during April, and following which we called Rev. E. M. Ryan to be our pastor. He came to us May 1, 1910. Assumption represented at Association by Rev. E. M. Ryan and wife, Mr. S. E. Cushing.

AUBURN—Work has progressed very satisfactorily. At our last business meeting we voted for all time preaching service. Sunday School is awake and our collections exceed expenses. Seven were baptized from Sunday School during the year. Auburn represented at Association by Mr. Mark Sloman and wife, also Miss Mayme Hart.

BOIS D' ARC—No letter. Representatives at Association were Mr. and Mrs. Fenstermaker.

CHATHAM—No encouraging report. Our pastor left us in June. Rev. N. O. Patterson held a ten days meeting with no visible results. The Church feels the loss by death of Rev. W. J. Chapin. We maintain a Sunday School and Bible Class. Representative at Association was Mr. J. K. Durham.

DECATUR, FIRST—We have maintained a steady growth, regardless of change of pastors. Rev. J. F. Mills, D. D., came to us November 1st, and has placed the Church on good basis for work. Representatives attending Association, Rev. J. F. Mills, D. D., Hon. Owen Scott, Mrs. E. B. Jenison, Mrs. W. C. Dimock, Mrs. Eugene Chesebro, Dr. L. H. Clark, Rev. N. O. Patterson, Mrs. J. E. Willis, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Walsh, H. Yarnell, J. S. Owens, Geo. R. Oaks.

DECATUR, EAST PARK—Our membership has increased from eighty-six to one hundred fifty since last report. We hold an important location in

Decatur where work is needed. We have a graded Sunday School of which we are proud. The B. Y. P. U., Junior Union and Ladies Aid all progressing. Representatives at Association, Rev. J. M. Wood, Ed. Cozad, G. W. Cratz.

DECATUR, RIVERSIDE—Our membership has trebled since organization two years ago. We hope to build a new Church soon. We have graded lessons in our Sunday School. We hold no Church fairs or paid suppers. We have recently purchased a piano. Our representatives at the Association are Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Lively, A. H. Ford.

DIVERNON—No letter. Representatives at Association, Rev. H. O. Tribbe, Mrs. A. R. Johnson, P. M. Wells, Mrs. Chas. Browning, D. H. Starkweather, Vern Dragoo, A. E. Whitmer.

EDINBURG—Rev. Morwood closed his work with us in November. Rev. N. O. Patterson has been supplying our Church half time or furnished a supply. We have bought a new piano. Representatives at Association, Mrs. C. A. Stokes, Floy Wells, W. D. Jordan and wife, Emma Dennis.

FARMERSVILLE—Rev. W. J. Moore came to us in June and we now enjoy full time preaching. We have erected a \$1,200.00 parsonage. Rev. W. J. Moore has just presented his resignation to take effect in three months. Represented by Rev. W. J. Moore.

IMMANUEL—We are now erecting a \$3,000.00 Church. Have had a few accessions to our Church. Rev. H. E. Armstrong has been a faithful pastor since December. Represented at Association by Rev. H. E. Armstrong.

LOAMI—The Union revival meetings were a great inspiration to us. We have a good Sunday School and Ladies Aid. We are progressing.

MORRISONVILLE—At the close of Union meetings last October forty-two united with us. Rev. R. H. Claxon a former pastor just began anew with us September 1st, for full time preaching. Our B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School are aggressive. Represented by Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Claxon, Maud Springgate, Eliz. Sloman, Chas. Brown, W. S. Springgate, C. L. Scoggins, R. T. Gassaway, J. C. Howell, Laura J. Kelley, Rilla Kelley, Daisy Kelley, Mrs. M. E. Pratt, Mary M. Martin, Mrs. Lizzie Barnett, Mrs. J. G. Oglesby, Nellie Gray, C. A. Springgate, Mrs. James Kelley.

MOWEAQUA—We are anticipating and praying for great progress under the leadership of our pastor, Rev. J. N. Edmondson. Representatives at Association, Rev. J. N. Edmondson and wife, R. W. Patterson, Mrs. Wallace Gregory, Mrs. Lina Folsom, A. A. Adamson.

NEW BERLIN—Rev. A. B. Carson has been with us about one year. We are preparing for a Union meeting this month. The Sunday School is progressing. Representatives, Mrs. P. N. Boynton, Mrs. T. F. Rhea.

OREANA—We have added several to our Church membership through the faithful ministrations of our pastor. All departments of the Church are active. Representatives attending Association, Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Carwile, Mrs. Mary Bullock, Jesse Canter, W. W. Merritt, H. C. Bower, Ray Bullock.

PANA—We have an able leader, Rev. W. A. Fuson and are "pressing toward the prize." All departments of the Church are aggressive. Representatives, Rev. W. A. Fuson, H. Etter, A. W. Frasher, Miss Sue Coe, Rev. Etter, Mr. Frazer.

PAWNEE—Rev. N. O. Patterson held meetings with us in January. We would not forget to mention the faithful work of Bro. J. P. Alexander who supplied us until forced to resign by ill health. Sunday School is quite well sustained. We have no pastor at present. Represented by Jas. Self and wife, Chas. Ebe and wife, C. S. Rich, A. B. Chambers, Mrs.

M. E. Barnes, Mrs. Ella Landray, Mrs. Dora Gibson, Mrs. Grace Washkirch.

SELBYVILLE—Rev. Gilbert W. Claxon began as pastor in April and we have bright prospects. All departments of the Church are active. The B. Y. P. U. has purchased a new piano. Represented by Rev. G. W. Claxon and wife, Mrs. John Ward, Miss Grace Harvis.

STONINGTON, NEW—February 1st, Rev. H. J. Wheeler came to us as our pastor. Rev. Lambkin assisted in a real revival service and Rev. Lambkin cannot be too highly praised and fifty-one were added to the Church. All departments of Church are progressing. The Brotherhood was re-organized after the revival meetings. Represented by Rev. H. J. Wheeler, Mrs. Isaac Chesebro, Miss Ella Chapman, Mrs. J. I. Owen, Mrs. A. Hershey.

STONINGTON, OLD—Rev. G. E. Milford, our pastor, conducted a six weeks meeting and twenty-five conversions resulted. We have organized a B. Y. P. U. Representatives attending Association, Rev. G. E. Milford, J. L. Sanders, Rev. J. J. Midkiff and wife, Dr. Bridges.

SPRINGFIELD, CENTRAL—We have progressed along spiritual lines. All organizations have been active. Dr. S. H. Bowyer is preaching the Gospel with great earnestness. Our Sunday School has increased under the superintendency of E. L. Chapin. Represented by Rev. S. H. Bowyer, D. D., Hon. E. L. Chapin, Mrs. F. R. Willer, J. H. Neher, E. A. Scrogin, Mrs. Hiram White, Matilda E. White.

SPRINGFIELD, ELLIOTT AVE.—We have for a pastor Rev. Edward Benden who is endeavoring to make his influence felt in this community. The future is promising. Represented at Association by Rev. Edward Benden, Mrs. J. F. Fagan, Mrs. Chas. Jones, Miss Ruth Kidd, Mrs. Lena McKinnie, Mrs. Nancy Taylor, W. A. McKinnie, W. G. Fagan, John Fagan.

SPRINGFIELD, SOUTH SEVENTH STREET—January 1, 1910, the Harvard Park Chapel was dedicated and subscriptions were raised to cover indebtedness. All departments alert. Rev. L. H. Williams resigned in June and on September 1st, our new pastor, Rev. John C. Ellinwood assumed charge. Representatives, Rev. John C. Ellinwood and wife, Mrs. Thos. B. Shepley, Mrs. W. E. Denton, Mrs. C. L. Douglas, Mrs. W. E. Leber.

TAYLORVILLE—We have had three special meetings which added to our membership 216 souls. Organized a Brotherhood and a Ladies Auxiliary. We maintain two mission Sunday Schools. All departments are active. Our prayer is for more spirituality. Representatives at Association, Rev. Reisner, Harry Pearson, Mrs. Winifred Rhoades, Mrs. Wheeler, Geo. Zimmerman and wife, J. R. Sharp, John Mills, Nora Pollock, B. Followell, Floss Sharp, Mrs. Edwards, Lucy Hinckle, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Skelton, Mrs. Nicodemus, Mrs. Forrester, H. McDaniels, Chas. Holliday, Mrs. Soice, Mrs. Bedwell, Mrs. Jane Denton, Dr. Dorman, Mrs. J. R. Smith.

ZENOBIAS—Under the labors of Rev. N. O. Patterson, 16 souls were added to our membership and a marked uplift of the entire community. We have no regular pastor. Maintain a good Sunday School and Woman's Missionary Society. Represented by W. R. Sloman, W. A. Rutherford.

Visitors attending Association—Rev. Guthrie, of Oklahoma; Mrs. William M. Pierson, Alton; George Sloman, of Upper Alton; Gertrude Miller, Bloomington; A. Madison, of Kewanee; Mrs. Grace G. Van Zant, of Chicago; T. W. Tate, St. Louis, Mo.; T. T. Minnis, Russia-ville, Ind.; Rev. J. E. Howard, Litchfield; Rev. A. C. Kelley, Irvington; John A. Caldwell, Springfield; Anna M. Willer, of Springfield; Rev. T. C. Coffey, of Virden.



IN MEMORIAM

AUBURN—Thomas Black, March 4, aged 70 years; Mrs. Mary Cary, January 28, aged 50 years.

BOIS D' ARC—A. E. Barnes, aged 43 years.

CHATHAM—Rev. W. J. Chapin, May 23, aged 88 years.

DECATUR, FIRST—Mrs. Eliz. Baker, Aug. 31; Mrs. Caroline M. Houghton, Oct. 13; Mrs. E. F. McBride, Oct. 18; Mrs. Minnie T. Scruggs, Nov. 25; Abraham Ping, Dec. 29; W. C. Musser, Jan.; Miss Pearl Slifer, March 19; J. A. Reavis, Mar. 24; Miss Vesta Kazar, Apr. 17; Mrs. Mary Drobisch, June 16.

DECATUR, EAST PARK—One death, name unreported.

DECATUR, RIVERSIDE—John Brownlee, Jan. 1.

DIVERNON—One death, name unreported.

LOAMI—John Miller, aged 88 years.

MORRISONVILLE—Mrs. Eliza Healin, Nov. 27, aged 69 years; Mrs. John Sloman, May 22, aged 62 years.

MOWEAQUA—Two deaths, names unreported.

NEW BERLIN—Two deaths, names unreported.

PANA—Nettie Price, Feb. 28, aged 20 years; Sarah Hunter, May 1; Florence B. Vincent, Aug. 3.

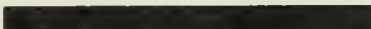
SHELBYVILLE—Mrs. M. E. Phillips, Feb. 19, aged 85 years; Mrs. Ellen Blancett, June 6, aged 69 years; Mrs. James Francisco, Apr. 11, aged 44 years; Mrs. Nancy C. Lord, Apr. 30, aged 89 years; Aaron Cutler, June 29, aged 68 years.

STONINGTON, NEW—Oscar J. Owen, Mar. 19, aged 66 years.

SPRINGFIELD, CENTRAL—Ten deaths, names unreported.

SPRINGFIELD, SOUTH SEVENTH STREET—Mrs. E. J. Smith, Nov. 21; Leon Connell and Mr. Jones.

TAYLORVILLE—Seven deaths, names unreported.



CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORY.

	Chureh.	Pastor.	Clerk.	Sunday. School Superintendent.
1	Assumption	E. M. Ryan	Mrs. Adah Corzine	S. E. Cushing
2	Auburn	A. R. Finley	A. B. Norcross	John W. Hart
3	Bois d'Arc	H. O. Tribbe, Divernon	C. E. Hay, Divernon	B. F. Gaddie, Virden
4	Chatham		Mrs. James Lower	G. P. Chapman
5	Decatur, First	John F. Mills, D.D.	F. O. Riggs	Owen Scott
6	Decatur, East Park	J. M. Wood	Miss Edna Sherman	Edward Cozad
7	Decatur, Riverside	James M. Lively	Russell O. Grubbs	E. C. Gaymann
8	Divernon	H. O. Tribbe	F. A. Stutzman	M. F. Burt
9	Edinburg		Mrs. C. A. Stokes	Mrs. W. P. Breckenridge
10	Farmersville	W. J. Moore	George C. Browning	C. D. Freeman
11	Immanuel	H. E. Armstrong, Decatur	Rynta Meyer, Decatur	Chris. Lubbers, Monticello
12	Loami	G. W. Nieholas, Petersburg	H. G. Campbell	David Evans
13	Morrisonville	R. H. Claxon	Harley Newport	Chester Springate
14	Moweaqua	J. N. Edmondson	D. A. Adamson	Lawrence Smith
15	New Berlin	A. B. Carson	Boynton Warren	Hugh Foutch
16	Oreana	J. A. Carwile	Mary A. Bullock	E. E. Cooley
17	Pana	W. A. Fuson	William M. Coc	O. C. King
18	Pawnee		Mrs. Graee Washkerek	Mrs. Julian Marshall
19	Pleasant Plains		E. D. Boynton	
20	Shelbyville	G. W. Claxon	W. C. Heaton	Harry Fish
21	Stonington, New	H. J. Wheeler, Stonington	J. Irving Owen, Stonington	Andrew Chapman, Stonington
22	Stonington, Old	G. E. Milford, Stonington	Mrs. L. S. Briggs, Stonington	William Grear, Stonington
23	Springfield, Central	S. H. Bowyer, D. D.	J. H. Neher	E. L. Chapin
24	Springfield, Elliott Ave	Edward Benden	George W. Taylor	George W. Taylor
25	Springfield, South Seventh St	John C. Ellinwood	Mrs. W. E. Leber	Miss Elizabeth Shade
26	Taylorville	F. A. Reisner	Mrs. Carrie Bedwell	J. R. Sharp
27	Zenobia		C. L. Seogins	C. S. Rich

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION

Of the Springfield Baptist Association for the Year Ending July 1, 1910.

Name of Church.	President.	Secretary.	Members.			Benevolences.	
			Active.	Associate.	Total.	Missions.	Local Expenses.
Auburn.....	Mrs. Ward Jacobs.	Miss Eliza Allen.....	45	.....	45	.....	.....
Central Springfield.....	Miss Anna Willer.....	Miss Alice Riggins.....	60	3	63	\$109 00	.....
Decatur, First.....	Everett Joynt.....	Miss Margarite Volan.....	85	10	95	55 00	\$ 20 00
Divernon.....	Bessie Wall.....	May Miller.....	20	5	25	.....	.....
Elliott Ave., Springfield.....	Fay Cantrall.....	Marie Newell.....	46	.....	46	.....	.....
East Park, Decatur.....	S. W. Crafz.....	Mildred Parr.....	46	11	57	2 00	19 20
Morrisonville.....	Perlin Hill.....	Bena Buchanan.....	33	2	35	4 69	30 98
Moweagna.....	Lawrence Smith.....	Maud Carsell.....	20	10	30	5 00	.....
New Stonington.....	W. F. Bridges.....	Paul Porter.....	25	2	27	.....	76 00
Jessie Canter.....	Rev. G. E. Wilford.....	Earl Wilford.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oreana.....	Jesse Canter.....	Ruth Mendenhall.....	26	3	29	6 41	1 00
Pana.....	Mrs. Bert L. Lowe.....	Addie Hiteheock.....	35	5	40	.....	.....
Riverside, Decatur.....	Miss Josephine Wheeler.....	Miss Lela Seeforth.....	52	16	68	3 10	.....
Shelbyville.....	Carrie Griffith.....	Gertrude Root.....	25	.....	25	.....	185 00
South Seventh, Springfield.....	Lee Polk.....	Flora Dougherty.....	50	3	53	.....	.....
Taylorville.....	Flossie Sharp.....	Maud Glover.....	75	29	104	.....	.....
Total.....	.....	.....	643	99	742	\$185 20	\$332 18

JUNIOR BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION STATISTICS.

Name of Church.	Leader.	Members.		
		Active.	Sunbeams.	Total.
Divernon.....	Ethel Rourke.....	40	.....	40
Elliott Ave., Springfield.....	Mrs. H. D. Montgomery.....	50	.....	50
East Park, Decatur.....	Mrs. J. M. Wood.....	52	.....	52
South Seventh St., Springfield.....	Miss Ethel Brown.....	67	.....	67
Taylorville.....	Mrs. Winifred Rhoades.....	18	.....	18
	Total	227	.....	227

REPORT OF THE HOME AND FOREIGN MISSION WORK

of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Springfield Baptist Association, From April 1, 1909 to April 1, 1910.

Name of Church.	President.	Secretary.	Members Mission Circle.		"Tidings" Taken.	"Helping Hand" Taken.	Contributions to the W. B. H. M. S.	Contributions to the W. B. F. M. S.
			Home.	Foreign.				
Berlin.....	Mrs. M. P. Boynton.....	Mrs. E. Warren.....	12	.....	10	6	\$31 00	\$31 00
Bois d'Arc.....	Mrs. Laura Thomas.....	Mrs. A. E. Thomas.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00	12 00
Decatur.....	Mrs. A. F. Jenison.....	Mrs. H. M. Owen.....	55	65	15	17	44 00	115 00
Edinburg.....	Mrs. C. A. Stokes.....	Mrs. C. A. Cantrall.....	8	.....	3	.....	14 25	10 00
Moweagua.....	Mrs. Carrie Gregory.....	Mrs. Lina Talsen.....	34	34	10	.....	22 95	22 95
New Stonington.....	Mrs. Peter Hershey.....	Miss Ora Bellamy.....	.....	.....	.....	2	7 50	21 55
Old Stonington.....	Mrs. Mary Duncan.....	Miss Anderson.....	.....	15	9	.....	6 40	20 00
Oreana.....	Mrs. Rosa Raysdahl.....	Mrs. Mary Bullock.....	10	11	5	3	13 50	9 50
Pana.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	27 42
Shelbyville.....	Mrs. C. E. Bolinger.....	Mrs. W. H. Whittaker.....	26	.....	15	9	46 00	25 00
Springfield, Central.....	Mrs. S. H. Bowyer.....	Mrs. H. Klockson.....	40	.....	.....	.....	80 25	109 80
Springfield, Elliott Ave.....	.....	Mrs. L. D. Hart.....	38	.....	12	.....	16 21	10 00
Springfield, South Seventh.....	Mrs. L. A. Van Deren.....	Mrs. W. E. Leber.....	7	.....	.....	.....	11 00	13 40
Taylorville.....	Mrs. J. E. George.....	Miss C. Flesher.....	46	26	10	5	40 00	35 00
Springfield, Cent. Y. Ladies.....	.....	Mrs. Marie Pickarel.....	31	.....	.....	.....	42 00	.....
Chatham.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....
Association.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 12	.....
Zenobia.....	Mrs. A. B. Chambers.....	Mrs. Jessie Rich.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00
Total.....	.....	.....	307	151	89	48	\$397 18	\$512 62

CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Churches.	Valuation Church Property.	Church Membership.					Present Church Membership.	Sunday School Department.			
		Increase.		Decrease.				Officers and Teachers.	Scholars Enrolled.	Average Attendance.	
		Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration and Experiene.	Letter.	Erasure and Ex-pulsion.					Death.
1. Assumption.....	\$ 5,000 00	.....	.....	.....	5.....	.....	134	13	51	33	
2. Auburn.....	5,000 00	14.....	2.....	4.....	7.....	.....	209	13	175	83	
3. Bois d'Arc.....	2,400 00	2.....	.....	.....	1.....	.....	44	9	41	33	
4. Chatham.....	2,000 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51	8	25	15	
5. Decatur, First.....	75,000 00	17.....	37.....	4.....	30.....	2.....	1,165	62	488	298	
6. Decatur, E. Park.....	1,647 00	22.....	33.....	9.....	8.....	.....	141	14	123	84	
7. Decatur, Riverside.....	1,800 00	17.....	13.....	3.....	5.....	3.....	133	19	133	124	
8. Divernon.....	5,400 00	3.....	7.....	.....	.....	2.....	148	10	.....	.....	
9. Edinburg.....	4,000 00	26.....	1.....	3.....	.....	.....	145	14	52	40	
10. Farmersville.....	4,500 00	.....	3.....	.....	4.....	.....	91	8	70	40	
11. Immanuel.....	200 00	.....	.....	.....	3.....	.....	25	7	27	25	
12. Loami.....	1,900 00	8.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	.....	80	5	25	17	
13. Morrisonville.....	4,500 00	22.....	5.....	15.....	6.....	.....	94	16	66	43	
14. Mowcagua.....	16,500 00	16.....	2.....	1.....	2.....	4.....	399	19	150	120	
15. New Berlin.....	4,500 00	.....	4.....	.....	2.....	.....	123	12	74	50	
16. Oreana.....	3,000 00	4.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	6.....	121	18	76	63	
17. Pava.....	4,000 00	24.....	17.....	.....	11.....	4.....	426	21	206	140	
18. Pawnee.....	4,000 00	3.....	1.....	.....	.....	.....	63	6	30	20	
19. Pleasant Plains.....	3,500 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	
20. Shelbyville.....	7,000 00	.....	12.....	.....	2.....	.....	153	13	98	46	
21. Stonington, New.....	10,000 00	35.....	12.....	4.....	10.....	.....	223	15	134	75	
22. Stonington, Old.....	3,000 00	25.....	4.....	1.....	2.....	.....	176	10	.....	65	
23. Springfield, Central.....	50,000 00	10.....	32.....	3.....	30.....	1.....	1,026	29	288	202	
24. Springfield, Elliott Ave.....	12,000 00	.....	2.....	.....	7.....	.....	301	31	250	177	
25. Springfield, South Seventh St.....	14,500 00	6.....	8.....	2.....	19.....	.....	426	28	225	175	
26. Taylorville.....	20,000 00	167.....	22.....	25.....	19.....	4.....	597	33	311	193	
27. Zenobia.....	2,000 00	15.....	5.....	1.....	5.....	.....	72	10	105	50	
Totals.....	\$267,347 00	441	224	77	180	26	6,616	443	3,211	2,211	

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be called THE SPRINGFIELD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, and shall be composed of such Baptist Churches, as enjoy the fellowship of their sister churches, of the Baptist denomination. The object of this Association is to promote the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ, at home and abroad, and by correspondence and co-operation with other Associations and Missionary organizations connected with the Baptist denomination strive to build the Redeemer's Kingdom among men.

ART. II. Every church composed of a less number than twenty shall be entitled to two messengers, and an additional messenger for every twenty members.

ART. III. This Association shall meet annually on the first Wednesday in September, at 10 o'clock a. m., commence its session with public worship and continue in session two days.

ART. IV. A Moderator and a Clerk shall be chosen by ballot at each session of the Association, who will continue in office until others are elected to supply their places. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside, and lead in all transactions of the Association and to see that due order and decorum are observed by all the members. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to make a full and impartial record of all the doings of the Association during the session, and furnish a correct copy of the same for publication. Three Trustees shall be chosen by ballot, who shall manage and control and hold in trust all such funds as may have been, or may hereafter be bequeathed to the Springfield Baptist Association, according to the provision of such bequests. Said Trustees at the first election, shall be elected to serve for three years, after which time, one of said Trustees shall be elected to serve for one year, one for two years and one for three years, and thereafter only one shall be elected annually, to serve for three years, except to fill a vacancy.

ART. V. A Treasurer shall be chosen every year, whose duty it shall be to receive and safely keep all the moneys belonging to this body, and pay them out only as directed by this body (unless otherwise specified by the donor,) and transmit to his successor in office the books, together with the moneys remaining in his hands, at the expiration of his term of office.

ART. VI. Each church represented shall send with its Messengers, a letter, giving an account of its progress during the past year; its additions, diminutions, and whole number; what it is doing for the cause of Christ at home and abroad; and in short, whatever relates to its prosperity and peace as a church of Jesus Christ.

Each church is expected to contribute and forward money for the printing of Minutes, the amount to equal one and a half cents per member, of such church.

ART. VII. Any church wishing to unite with this Association, applying by letter and delegates, may be received by giving satisfactory information that it is sound in doctrine and correct in practice, on the reception of which the Moderator shall give one of its delegates the right hand of fellowship on behalf of the body.

ART. VIII. When a church shall neglect to make any communication with this Association for three years in succession, it may be dropped from the Minutes, unless its continuance is requested by at least two members, who shall engage to inquire into its condition, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ART. IX. The Association can exercise no authority or jurisdiction over the churches, each one of which is an independent body; nevertheless, the Association shall have the power to refuse any church a seat in this body which shall prove unworthy of its fellowship.

ART. X. The Association shall have power to hold correspondence with other Associations as may be expedient.

ART. XI. This Constitution may be amended at any Annual Meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, provided notice shall have been given of the proposed amendment at a previous Annual Meeting.

BY-LAWS

1. Every meeting of the Association shall be closed with prayer.
2. No question shall be discussed until it is regularly moved and seconded.
3. No member of the Association shall speak on any question more than twice nor more than ten minutes, without special leave of the Moderator.
4. Every member speaking shall address himself to the Moderator; shall avoid all improper personalities, and shall confine himself to the question before the Association.
5. Ministers, and others, invited to take a seat with us, may take part in discussing all questions, but vote on none.
6. No member shall leave the Association without leave of the Moderator.
7. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to appoint all Committees, unless it be otherwise ordered at the time.
8. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and it shall be put without debate.
9. These Rules shall be read at the opening of every Annual Meeting of the Association.

